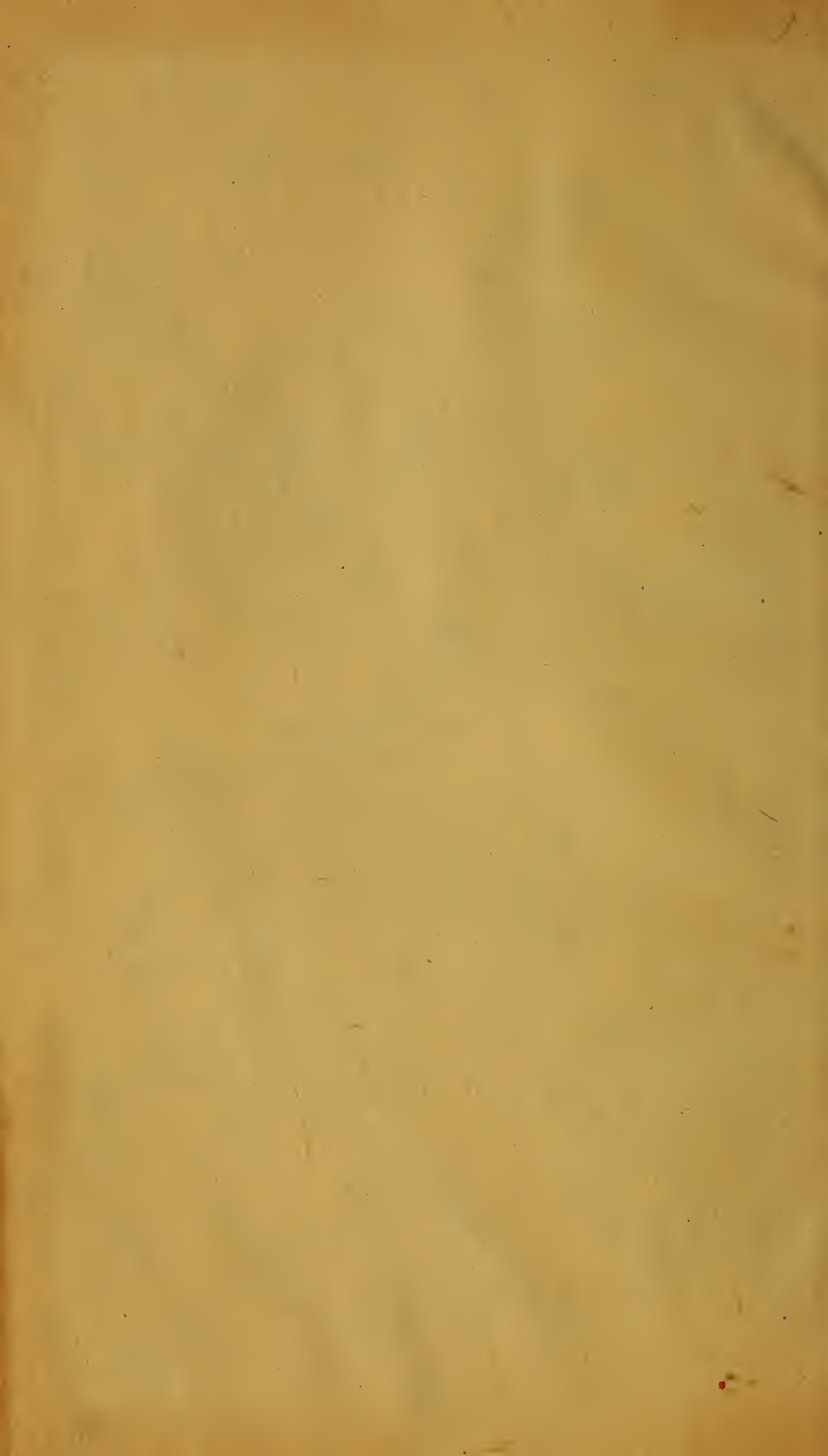


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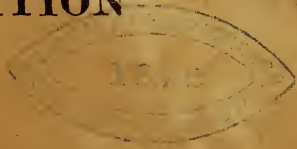




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Morning Prayers, at first rising.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, all glory be to thee, for the sleep which thou hast graciously given me this night. A seasonable recruit to the wastings, and a kind intermission to the labours, of this poor weak and wearied body.

And now, that thou hast added to the number of my days, that this and every day may be employed to the perfecting of holiness in thy fear, and sweetened with the comforts of health, of peace and innocence, grant, O good Lord.

That the angel of peace, the holy guide of thy children, the faithful guard set by thee over their souls and bodies, may encamp round about me, and continually suggest to my mind such things as conduce to thy glory, and to my salvation, grant, O good Lord.

That all the sins, offences and neglects of my days already gone, may, by thy mercy, be freely pardoned, and entirely done away, grant, O good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless the world with prosperity and peace, but chiefly with such

mercies, as thou knowest most expedient for the good of all our souls, grant, O good Lord.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, that I may think on these things, and may do these things, grant, O good Lord.

Finally, since this life must shortly have an end; that mine may be concluded with a truly Christian death, a death, perfectly void of sin and shame, and (if such be thy good pleasure) as free from pain as may be, grant, O good Lord.

But above all, in regard it is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment; that I may appear with comfort, and find a favourable account, at the great and terrible tribunal of thy Son, Jesus Christ, who, I believe shall come to be our judge, grant, O good Lord.

*Ejaculations and Prayers, proper to be used,
when up, and in our Closet.*

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, my God, and the God of my fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth.

Who scatterest the darkness by this return of light, and hast commanded night to give place to day:

Who hast enlightened my eyes, that I should not sleep in death:

Who hast delivered me from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness:

Who hast unlocked mine eyes from sleep, and mine eyelids from slumber:

Who makest the outgoings of the morning, and of the evening to praise thee:

For that I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, because thou, Lord, didst make me dwell in safety:

For that I awaked, and beheld, and my sleep was sweet unto me.

Blot out, I pray thee, as a cloud, my transgressions, and as the thickness of the morning cloud my sins.

Grant me to walk as a child of light, soberly, purely and honestly, as in the day; and this day, in particular, O Lord, vouchsafe to keep me without sin: Upholding me, when I am about to fall; and lifting me up, if I happen to be down; that I may never be suffered to continue under any provocation, or temptation, or to have my heart hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Let my body also be safe under thy protection, and defend me under the shadow of thy wings from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence, from the arrow that flieth by day, and from the sickness that destroyeth at noon.

Defend this day from all evil of mine, and preserve me from all the evil of this day.

Suffer not my days to be consumed in vanity, nor my years in trouble: but let each day tell and instruct another, by some useful improvement in knowledge, or practical virtue.

O let me hear thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust. Show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my [spiritual] enemies, for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: Let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Remove far from me thoughts that are without understanding; and evermore inspire me with such thoughts, as are wise and good, and well pleasing in thy sight.

Turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, but let them be fixed on the thing that is right, and let mine eyelids look straight before me.

Inclose mine ears with a hedge of thorns, that no foolish, filthy, or profane talk may be allowed to enter in: But let them be open to discipline and wisdom, and always give willing attention to the words of truth and righteousness.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; let my speech be seasoned with salt, and good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Let no work of my hands cause grief or just offence of heart; but let me be continually employed in some such actions, for which thou, my God, mayest remember me for good, and spare me, according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Into thy hands I commend my whole self, my spirit, my soul, and my body, for thou hast created, redeemed, and regenerated them, O Lord, thou God of truth:

And, together with myself, all my relations and friends, all my possessions and comforts; for all these thou hast graciously given to thy unworthy servant.

Preserve us, I beseech thee, from all evil, yea do even thou preserve our souls: And let them be presented before thy Majesty, holy and un-reprovable, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Preserve my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, that I may find favour, and be able to do good, among those that shall converse with me.

Haste thee, O Lord, to my help; be always at hand to direct me.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the child of thy handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me, may see it and be ashamed, because thou, O Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

SUNDAY.

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God, the day-spring from on high hath visited us.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, all glory be to thee, who didst, as on this day, create the light, and command it to shine upon the face of the deep.

How glorious is that light, which affects our senses, the rays of the sun, the flame of fire, the day divided from the night, the evening and the morning.

How much more glorious is that light, which shines in upon our minds, by the examples of Patriarchs, the revelations of Prophets, the sweet solace of holy Psalms, the instruction of wise Proverbs, the profit and experience of faithful Histories.

Blessed be thy name for this light, which no darkness ever overspreads; this sun, which never goes down! God is the Lord, who hath showed us such light; bind ye the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

O thou, who on this day didst rise again, raise up our souls unto newness of life; granting us repentance from dead works, and planting us in the likeness of thy resurrection.

And thou, O Father and God of Peace, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, work-

ing in us that which is well pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ.

O thou, who didst also on this day of the week, send down on thy Apostles thy most Holy Spirit; take not the same Spirit away from us, but grant to all thy servants, who ask it of thee, that they may be daily renewed, and more plentifully enriched with the same.

O Lord, who by choosing this day for these most important, most beneficial events, didst direct thy Apostles, full of the Holy Ghost, to call it, and to make it be, thy day, by translating it to the sacred rest of the Sabbath; to make this day of the Lord, a refreshment after labour, an interval of recruit to our feeble and wearied bodies; a merciful cessation to servants and beasts, our fellow labourers; a constant return of thy solemn worship, by prayers and praises, by hearing thy word, and administration of thy sacraments in the public assemblies of the saints, and the house where thy honour dwelleth; and a figure and a pledge of that better rest hereafter, which still remaineth to the people of God: O grant me so to use these days of rest, and of public worship in this life, that I fail not of a part in thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the life to come.



An Act of Confession.

MERCIFUL and compassionate, long suffering and patient Lord God, I have sinned, wretched

man that I am, I have frequently and grievously sinned against thee; by trusting to vanity, by following deceit, and being occupied in ungodly works, with them that practise wickedness.

I come not now before thee to cover or extenuate my guilt by frivolous excuses; but with full purpose to give thee glory, by an ingenuous and free confession, that I have many ways offended against thy holy laws. For thus, O Lord, and thus have I done—[*Here you may be particular.*]

Oh! how have I provoked thy Majesty! and yet thou hast not dealt with me after my sins, nor rewarded me according to my iniquities.

And now, O Lord, what shall I say, or how shall I open my mouth? Behold me, without plea, without excuse, speechless, and self-condemned; for I, even I, have destroyed myself.

Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth righteousness, but unto me confusion of face, because thou art just in all that is come upon me: For thou hast done right, but I have done wickedly.

And now, O Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even, truly my hope is only, in thee.

O let the multitude of thy mercies triumph over the multitude of my sins.

Remember, I beseech thee, what thy servant is. I am thy creature; despise not then the work of thine own hands: I am thy image, made after thy likeness; and hast thou made thine own image for nought? For nought, most certainly, if thou destroy that image; and what profit can there be in my destruction? They indeed that

hate thee, will rejoice at it; but gratify not them with my destruction, neither let those that are thine enemies, as well as mine, triumph over me ungodlily.

I am the price of thy Son Christ's blood, called a Christian after his name, a sheep of thy pasture; a son of the Covenant; look then upon the face of thine Anointed, look upon the blood of thy Covenant in him; behold the propitiation set forth for the sins of the whole world, and be merciful to me a sinner, be merciful to me the chief, the most miserable, of sinners.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great, it is exceedingly, it is unspeakably, great. For that name's sake, besides which none other under heaven is given unto men, whereby we must be saved; and for the sake of that Spirit also, who helpeth our infirmities, and maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; for the tender bowels of the Father, for the bleeding wounds of the Son, for the earnest groans of the Holy Ghost, hear, O Lord, and have mercy.

As for me, I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. These I remember with anguish of soul, and complain of, in the bitterness of my heart: I am truly ashamed and sorry, and angry, yea, I reproach, I abhor, I mortify, I take revenge upon myself; full of concern, that my shame, and sorrow, and holy indignation, are no greater.

Lord, I repent, help thou my impenitence: And be thou pleased more and more to wound,

and pierce, and soften, this hard heart: And then be gracious for all that is past.

Cleanse thou me also from my secret faults, and save thy servant from presumptuous wickedness.

Magnify thy mercy towards this wretched criminal, and speak those words of comfort, Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee; yea be of good cheer, for my grace is sufficient for thee: Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation; that I may also say, Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? And why art thou so disquieted within me? Turn unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, O do thou forgive the wickedness of my sin.

Lord, thou knowest all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Lord, arise, and have mercy upon me; O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

If thou, Lord, should be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? Enter not therefore into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Prayer for Grace.

Lord, I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved; open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law. Incline my heart to thy testimonies; order my steps according to thy word, and so shall no iniquity have dominion over me.

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since that thou hast founded them for ever. Therefore will I walk in the path of thy commandments, and will apply my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

O Lord God, be thou my God, let me have none besides thee, let me love nothing in comparison of thee.

Grant me grace to worship thee in spirit and in truth, to reverence thy holy name, to serve thee devoutly and decently, with the gestures of my body, with the praises of my tongue, in private and in public:

To render my superiors due honour, by obeying their commands, by submitting to their government: To love my family and dependents, by taking due care of them, by making provision for them:

To overcome evil with good; and to possess my vessel in sanctification and honour:

To have my conversation without covetousness, and to be content with such things as I have:

To put away lying, bitterness, clamour, and

evil-speaking, and all malice; and to speak the truth in love:

Not to lust with concupiscence, not to walk with lasciviousness, not to be captivated with desires inordinate and violent, of what sort soever they may be.

*Rules of Caution, or Helps to Obedience:—
called by some, “The Hedge of the Law.”*

To break the Serpent’s head by guarding against his temptations.

Constantly to remember our latter end.

To live soberly, and watch always.

To cut off occasions from the enemy, who seeks occasions.

Never to allow ourselves in idleness; nor to converse with vain and disorderly persons; but to frequent, and love the company of the good.

To make a covenant with our eyes, and to bring our body into subjection.

To give ourselves much unto prayer, and to retire from the world, by the exercise of penitence, abstinence and mortification.

With these thorns, Lord, let me be hedged about, that I wander not after vanity.

Hold thou me in with bit and bridle, when I would break away from thee.

O thou, who hast invited me, compel me to come into my own happiness.

An Act of Faith.

I BELIEVE in thee, O Lord, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, one only true God:

That all things were created by thy almighty power and love:

That all have been renewed and restored, by the goodness and mercy, exhibited in the person of thy Word, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who for us men, and for our salvation, was made flesh, conceived and born, did suffer, and was crucified, descended into hell, and rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God; from whence he shall come again, and judge the quick and the dead.

I also believe that by the illumination, and powerful operation of the Holy Ghost, a peculiar people has been called from all quarters of the world, to be knit into one society, united, and distinguished by belief of the truth, and holiness of life:

That, as members of this body, we partake of the communion of saints, and forgiveness of sins, in this world: And, by virtue of the same membership, do assuredly expect the resurrection of the flesh, and life everlasting in the world to come.

This pure and holy faith, once delivered to the saints, Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief. Strengthen in me that which is weak, and add to me that which is wanting.

This faith let me have grace always to exert and improve; by loving thee, O Father, in return for thy tender affection; by fearing thee, O Almighty, from an awful sense of thy power; by committing my soul in well-doing to thee, O most faithful Creator.

Let me seek and attain salvation in thee, O Jesus, my Saviour; from thee, O Christ, the Anointed, let me have the unction of thy chosen; from thee, the Only Begotten, the adoption, and inheritance of the sons of God.

Let me worship and serve thee, my Lord, on account of thy conception, in faith; on account of thy birth, in humility:

On account of thy sufferings, in patience, and irreconcilable hatred of sin; on account of thy cross, by crucifying my affections and lusts; on account of thy death, by dying unto the flesh:

On account of thy burial, by burying evil thoughts and suggestions, under the prevailing oppositions of those that are good:

On account of thy descent, by frequent meditations on death and hell:

On account of thy resurrection, by walking in newness of life:

On account of thy ascent into heaven, by setting my affections on things above:

On account of thy sitting at the right hand of the Father, by preferring the happiness of heaven in all my thoughts and designs:

On account of thy return from thence, by a constant godly fear of that second coming:

And on account of thy judging the world, by

judging myself in time, that I may not be condemned by my judge:

Let my belief in thee, O Holy Ghost, be such as may qualify me to partake of all thy necessary and saving inspirations:

Let my faith in the church entitle me to a part in its calling and election, to sanctification in its holiness, to membership in its universality, to fellowship with the saints, by sharing in their prayers and sacraments, in their watchings and fastings, in their holy sighs and tears, and if thy providence shall call me to them, in their afflictions and sufferings; by all these establishing me in a firm assurance of the forgiveness of sins, of the resurrection from death, and of translation to immortal glory.

O thou, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea:

O thou, in whom our fathers trusted, and thou didst deliver them, in whom they placed their hopes, and were not confounded:

O thou, who wast also my hope, when I hang'd yet upon my mother's breast, and to whose care I have been left ever since I was born; be thou still, and evermore, my hope, and my portion, in the land of the living:

Confirm my mind more and more, by the goodness of thy nature, by the endearments of thy titles, by thy types and thy figures, by thy word and by thy works; and, having thus attained to a peaceful resting and reliance upon thee,

Lord, let me not at last be disappointed of my hope.

An Act of Intercession.

O LORD, on whom the eyes of all do wait, remember every creature of thine for good; and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

O thou preserver and lover of men, think graciously upon mankind, and as thou hast concluded all under sin and unbelief, so let thy pity and pardon extend to all.

O thou, who for this end didst both die, and rise, and revive, that thou mightest be the Lord both of the dead and the living; since, whether we live, or whether we die, still we are thine, O Lord; let thy mercy be ever upon us, both in life and in death.

O thou helper of the helpless, our seasonable refuge in the time of trouble, remember all that lie under any sort of extremity, and call upon thee for succour and protection.

O thou, who art the God of grace and truth, establish and strengthen in thy truth them that stand; restore the weak, and raise up them that fall through heresies and sins.

Thou, who art the wholesome defence and strength of thine anointed, think upon the congregation which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old; and let the multitude of them that believe be of one heart, and of one soul.

Thou, Lord, who walkest in the midst of the

golden candlesticks, remove not, we pray thee, our candlestick out of its place; but set in order the things which are wanting among us, and strengthen those which remain, and are ready to die.

Send forth, we pray thee, O Lord of the harvest, labourers in all points fitted by thy grace to do the work of that harvest.

Thou, who art the portion of them that wait at thine altar, grant that thy clergy may always be enabled rightly to divide, and uprightly to walk in, the word of thy truth; and let thy people always be ready, with meek heart and due reverence, to receive the same at their mouths.

O thou great King over all the earth, scatter the nations that delight in blood, and command wars to cease in all the world.

Be watchful over those, whom thou hast deputed to rule here below: Assist and prosper all their righteous undertakings, and inspire into them noble and good designs, for the advantage of thy church, and of all thy people, that they may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

Thou, who distributest among men different degrees of power, severally as thou wilt; grant, that all persons of eminence and authority, may be as eminent for virtue, and sincere regard to thy true religion. Fill all our counsellors with godly wisdom; and let our rulers do much in behalf of, but nothing against the truth. Guide our judges and magistrates in the administration of justice, to all persons, and in all causes, with-

out preferring one before another, or doing any thing by partiality.

Give all thy people grace to live in subjection to the higher powers, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Bless our husbandmen with fruitful seasons, our merchants with successful voyages, our tradesmen with a spirit of honesty and contentment; our artificers, even to the meanest, even to the poorest among us, with grace to follow their respective labours diligently and patiently, for fair and reasonable profit, and in humble dependence upon thy blessing.

Furthermore, in regard thou art the God not of us only, but of our posterity, extend, we pray thee, thy blessing to our children; that our sons and daughters may grow up as the young plants, and with their age and stature, may increase in wisdom and virtue, and favour with God and man.

Thou, who hast commanded a due care of our relations, and abhorrest the wretches void of natural affection; be favourable to my kindred, whether by blood or alliance: Preserve among us all peace, friendship, and tenderness; and make us evermore ready to seek and rejoice in one another's good.

O thou, who requirest us to love them that love us, pour out thy blessings, great and manifold, upon all my friends and benefactors; all who have done or wish me well, many perhaps unknown to me; preserve them, O Lord, and keep them alive, that they may be blessed upon

earth, and deliver them not into the will of their enemies.

O thou, who hast pronounced that man worse than an infidel, who is regardless of his own household; behold, with thy favour, every person belonging to this family; yea, let thy peace rest upon my whole house, and the son of peace ever dwell in it.

O thou, who hast declared, that our righteousness must far exceed that of publicans and sinners; grant me never to be wanting in kindness and civil respects to all who live peaceably and quietly in my neighbourhood; but to be cheerful and ready in making suitable returns of love to all that love me. My own friends, my father's friends, and the children of both our friends, let me never ungratefully despise, neglect, or forsake.

O thou, who hast directed us to overcome evil with good, and hast expressly commanded our prayers for them that persecute us, and despitefully use us; pardon and bless all that speak evil of me, all that have hated me with or without a cause; some of them perhaps even for my good will, for speaking distasteful truth, or doing necessary justice; but whatever the occasion, or the offence may have been, which, if given on my part, I entreat thee and them to forgive; have the same mercy, O Lord, on all mine enemies, as on myself: And bring them I beseech thee, to thy heavenly kingdom, as I hope and pray, thou wilt at length bring me.

O thou, who acceptest the intercessions which

thy servants offer up for each other, remember, I entreat thee, for good, as well all those who recommend me in their prayers, as those whom I have promised to recommend in my prayers; and all who have no friend to entreat for them particularly.

O thou searcher and knower of hearts, who acceptest the will for the deed, be gracious to all them who, through just and necessary hindrances do not pay thee the public homage and service of this day; to all, whom importunity of business on any other day, leaves less at leisure, and makes less frequent in the public or private worship of thee, than they desire, or endeavour to be; let all these, O Lord, partake of thy favour and bounty, as if they had often and actually prayed. Soften and convert those hardened foolish hearts, who, through ignorance or prejudice, contemn thy word and ordinances; who deride thy holy religion, and wilfully forbear and refuse to pray; give them a sorrowful sense of this evil heart of unbelief, and preserve others from the infection of such pestilent examples. And, for a more effectual check to such daring and dangerous wickedness, assist and prosper all that are employed in any laudable undertaking, whereby the glory of thy name, the increase of thy church, and the good of mankind, may be promoted and secured: Particularly be pleased to reward an hundred fold, all who bountifully contribute of their substance to works of piety and charity.

Arise, O Lord, and have mercy on all that

are in extremity; for it is high time thou shouldst have mercy on them, yea, the season of pity is come: And may thy pity to these be the same, as I would wish it to myself under the like extremity.

Once more, therefore, I entreat thee to look down, gracious Lord, on all ages and conditions of men, sucklings and infants, children and young people, middle aged and declining, old and bedrid, the hungry and thirsty, the naked and sick, prisoners and strangers, those that have no settled dwelling while they live, and those who are destitute of friends to bury them when they die: All of superannuated understanding, of discontented or disturbed minds; all who labour under any temptation to destroy themselves, who are vexed with evil spirits, or driven to despair of thy mercy; the distressed in body or soul, the timorous or faint hearted, the criminals and condemned to die, orphans and widows, travellers by land or by water, women labouring with child, captives and slaves, in chains, in the mines, or in the gallies; all that wander about in caves and deserts, and all that lie expiring in the agonies of death.

Do thou, Lord, save both man and beast, for excellent is thy mercy, O God, and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

Finally, O Lord, I commit to thy custody and protection, now, henceforth, and for ever, my soul and my body, my mind and my thoughts, my prayers and all my desires, my senses and my limbs, my life and my death, my brothers and sisters, my kindred and friends, my benefactors and intercessors, my neighbours and acquaintance, my countrymen, and all my fellow Christians.

[*Note.*—In this, and the subsequent *Act of Intercession for Wednesday*, a few verbal alterations have been introduced into some of the paragraphs, to accommodate the language to the local circumstances of this country.—*Ed. Phil. ed.*]

An Act of Praise.

LET us lift up our hearts unto the Lord. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, by all means, and upon all occasions, remember and extol, sing praises and give thanks, bless and adore thee, O God; for thou art the maker and sustainer, the keeper and governor, the cherisher and benefactor, the improver and finisher of all things.

To thee, O Lord, Father and King eternal, fountain of life and immortality, treasure of bliss inexhaustible and everlasting; the heaven, and heaven of heavens, angels, and all the powers therein, and we poor mortals, sinful

dust and ashes, vile and unworthy though we be, do yet, laid prostrate under their feet, beg leave to join in concert with that heavenly host, and say, the best we can, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place, for the essential perfections of his Godhead, his incomprehensible greatness, his dominion and omnipotence, his eternity and providence, his holiness and justice, his wisdom and truth, his goodness and mercy: But above all, for the unspeakable riches of his exceeding abundant grace and love in Christ Jesus.

I will magnify thee, I will worship thee, I will serve thee, I will love and delight in thee, I will entirely devote myself to thee, O Lord, my strength, my rock and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my helper and defender, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

MONDAY.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: Early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who, as on this day, didst create the firmament, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, inhabited by the celestial powers; angels and archangels, cherubim and

seraphim: Who, as on this day, didst divide and fix the waters that be above the firmament; and make those mists and exhalations, from whence proceed showers and dew, hail and sleet, snow like wool, hoar-frost scattered like ashes, ice cast out like morsels, clouds brought from the ends of the earth, lightning and thunder, winds, which thou drawest out of thy treasures, and storms, which fulfil thy word.

Then also didst thou separate the waters under the heavens, and fit them for our service here below, for the uses of drinking and washing.



An Act of Confession.

I ACKNOWLEDGE my wickedness, O Lord, and the iniquities of my father's house; for we have transgressed, and walked contrary to thy commandments, and dealt very corruptly against thee.

Set not, Lord, my misdeeds before thee, nor my secret sins in the light of thy countenance: But pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant, according to the greatness of thy mercy; as thou hast used to forgive thy servant, from my childhood even until now.

I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? O blot out my transgressions, and remember not my sin; deliver me from going down to the pit, for thou hast found a ransom.

O Son of David, have mercy on me; Lord Jesus do thou help me; for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table: Have patience with me, and what shall thy servant say?—That I will pay thee all? O no! I most truly and sorrowfully do confess, that I have nothing at all to pay; forgive me, therefore, this whole debt, I beseech thee.

Forget me not, O Lord, for ever; how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart; how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God, lighten my eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: For if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it; but my trust is in thy mercy.

A Prayer for Grace to keep the Commandments.

REMOVE from me, O my God, all irreligion and profaneness, superstition and hypocrisy, enthusiasm and unworthy conceits of thee:

Image worship and idolatry:

Perjury and vanity, curses and bitter imprecations:

Neglect of public worship, irreverence in thy house, abuse of the times set apart for thy service:

Pride and disobedience, faction and schism,

unnatural coldness to relations, and inordinate love of myself:

Fierceness and contention, malice and cruelty, anger and revenge:

Unlawful lust, uncleanness in deed, word, or thought:

Idleness and extravagance, dishonesty and fraud:

False testimony and lying, reviling and slandering, censuring and causeless suspicion:

All corrupt and impure imaginations, all ungoverned and unbecoming desires:

And, of thy goodness, give me grace constantly to serve and please thee, in reverence and godly fear, in worthy apprehensions of, and a rational obedience to thee:

In bodily adoration, and spiritual worship, confined to thee alone:

In an awful regard to oaths, in strict truth, and cautious conversation; in blessings, intercessions and good wishes:

In diligent attendance at religious assemblies, in devotion and decency, and exemplary zeal, through every part of thy service; and conscientious improvement of the times set apart for religious exercises:

In dutiful demeanour and submission to superiors; in peace and unity, with regard to the church and state; in tender affection to kindred and allies:

In gentleness and meekness, in patience and forgiveness, in general good will, and an engaging conversation:

In chastity and sobriety, in modest behaviour, and unrepachable discourse, and in a moderate use of pleasures, even those that are innocent and lawful:

In frugality and industry, in just and conscientious dealing, in contentedness, and compassion to the poor:

In truth and integrity, good nature and candour, and a charity that believes, and hopes, and always speaks, the best:

In moderate and virtuous affections, holy and clean imaginations, and perseverance in good works unto the end.

Make me to go in the path of these commandments, for herein is my desire.

Consider my spiritual enemies, how many they are; and the tyrannous hate they bear against me.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: Let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.



Repeat the Articles of the Apostles Creed.

[After which say,]

Grant me always to hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering; for thou art faithful who hast promised.

To this hope set before me I have fled for refuge; O let me lay hold upon, and always find it, an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

An Act of Intercession, as before on Sunday.

[After which add,]

GOD be merciful unto me, and bless me, and show me the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto me.

O God, even my own God, give me thy blessing, and receive my supplications.

Direct my life according to thy word; grant me a holy soul, an undefiled body, pure thoughts, orderly desires: And since, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole, Lord, renew every part of me, and say, I will, be thou all over clean.

*An Act of Praise.*

I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord, his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

For he is the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth; keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin: Who, notwithstanding, will by no means clear the obstinate guilty, but visit the iniquity of such fathers upon their children, and upon their children's children.

Glory, therefore, be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

TUESDAY.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst as on this day, gather together the waters into one place, and command the dry land to appear.

Who didst then also bring forth the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind.

To which almighty operation we stand indebted for the wonders of the great deep, and the sea shut up as it were with bars; for lakes, rivers, and fountains; for earth, continents, and islands; mountains, little hills, and vallies; arable land and meadows, pastures and forests, which yield us grass, corn, and hay, herbs and flowers, and plants, for food, for pleasure, for physic; fruitful trees, for wine, oil and spices; the bowels of the earth, out of which proceed drugs and minerals, stones and metals, fuel and fire.

*An Act of Confession.*

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

My sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up: Yea, they are more in number than the hairs upon my head, and my heart hath failed me.

O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me. Make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Show me thy marvellous loving kindness; thou that art the Saviour of them who put their trust in thee.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

I have sinned, I have done perversely, I have committed wickedness. But, lo! I bethink myself, and return unto my God with all my heart, and with all my soul.

Now, therefore, hear thou my prayer, and my supplication, from heaven, thy dwelling-place, and, when thou hearest, forgive.

God be merciful to me a sinner; have pity, Lord, on me, the chief of sinners.

Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants, though but the very least and lowest of thy servants.

What profit is there in my blood, if I go down in the pit? Shall the dust give thanks unto thee, or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou my helper.

Turn, I beseech thee, my heaviness into joy: Put off my sackcloth, and gird me with gladness.

So shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing; and I will give thee thanks for ever.

Prayer for Grace.

TURN, I most humbly pray thee, my levity and vain imaginations into seriousness and watchfulness; my sinful gaiety into holy indignation; my hardness to offend into prudent and godly fear; my wanderings and coldness into vehement desire and zeal; my wilful defilements into severity and self-revenge.

An Act of Faith, as on Sunday.

An Act of Intercession, as on Sunday.

[Then proceed thus:]

THE Lord be my keeper: The Lord be my defence upon my right hand: The Lord preserve me from all evil, and set a watch over my soul. The Lord preserve my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

O Lord, thou understandest, thou canst accomplish, thou dost truly and earnestly desire the safety and good of my soul: I, wretched man, have neither understanding to discern, nor power to effect, nor, as I ought to have, even will to de-

sire and seek my true and best good: Do thou, therefore, I entreat thee, O my God, of thy unspeakable tenderness and love, vouchsafe to direct and guide, to govern and dispose of me, and all my concerns, in such a manner as thy wisdom knows will be most agreeable to thee, and most expedient for me.

WEDNESDAY.

EARLY in the morning will I think upon thee, O Lord, because thou hast been my helper.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst as on this day, make two great lights, the Sun and the Moon: and didst create the stars also, to divide the day from the night, and to give light upon the earth; and to be for signs and for seasons, the Spring, the Summer, the Autumn, the Winter, and for days and weeks, and months and years: The greater light to rule the day, and the lesser lights to rule the night; that they might thus succeed, and, as it were, relieve each other.

An Act of Confession.

BEHOLD thou art wroth, for we have sinned, and are all become as an unclean thing; for our righteousnesses are like filthy rags, and we all

do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

But thou, O Lord, art still our Father: We are the clay, and thou our potter, and we are all the work of thy hands.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: Behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

Though our iniquities testify against us, yet, for thy name's sake, deal mercifully with us, for our backslidings are many, whereby we have sinned against thee: Yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; therefore leave us not.

O thou hope of Israel, thou Saviour in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land; and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside, to tarry for a night; as a man that is asleep, as a mighty man that cannot save? Be merciful, we beseech thee, to our unrighteousness, and our sins and our iniquities do thou remember no more.

Lord, I have been carnal, sold under sin, and in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: For the good which I would, I have not done; but the evil, which I would not, that have I done.

For I acknowledge and delight in thy law, after the inward man; but I feel another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin.

O wretched man that I am! Who shall de-

liver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord, for that, where sin hath abounded, there did his grace much more abound.

Thy goodness, O Lord, leadeth me to repentance; O give me such repentance, to the acknowledging the truth, that I may recover myself out of the snare of the devil, who have been taken captive by him at his will.

Let the time past of my life suffice, to have walked after my own will, in lasciviousness, lusts, and excess, or any sort of luxury.

O Lamb of God, without blemish, and without spot, who hast redeemed me with thy precious blood; by that same blood, pity and save me; even for that blood, and that name's sake, besides which there is no other under heaven given unto men, whereby we must be saved.

God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my faults are not hid from thee. All my desire is before thee, and thou hearest all my groanings.

Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of Hosts, be ashamed for my cause; let not them that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters; let not the water flood drown me; neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Prayer for Grace.

PRESERVE me, good God, from the deadly sins of pride, envy, anger, gluttony, lewdness, avarice, and sloth. And in their stead implant and cultivate the contrary heavenly virtues of humility, mercy, meekness, temperance, chastity, contentedness, and cheerful industry.

An Act of Faith.

IN God the Father, I believe his paternal love and care of me:

In the Almighty, his power to keep me to salvation:

In the Maker of heaven and earth, his Providence by which the world, and all things in it, are preserved, governed, and perfected.

Upon my Jesus I depend for salvation: Upon the Christ, for his holy unction: Upon the Only-Begotten, for my adoption: Upon the Lord, for fit supplies to them that serve him faithfully:

Upon his immaculate conception and nativity, for cleansing and doing away the corruption in which I was shapen, and the sin wherein my mother conceived me.

In his sufferings, I thankfully contemplate the bitter things which I deserved, but which he condescended, in my stead, actually to undergo:

In his cross, the curse of the law abolished:

By his dying, the sting of death taken out: In his grave, the corruption of mortal bodies buried: In his descent into hell, the prevention of our perishing there:

In his resurrection, I see the pledge of my own; and the first fruits of all them that slept:

In his ascension, the necessity of his going to prepare a place for us:

His coming again, I assuredly expect for receiving to himself those that are his: And his judging the world, at that great day of recompense, when every man shall be rewarded according to his works.

In the Holy Ghost, I believe a power from on high, by operations supernatural and invisible, but yet with efficacy undeniable, transforming and renewing the soul to holiness.

In the church, I consider a mystical body, composed of persons, called from all quarters of the world, and united by the distinguishing common band of a sound faith and holy conversation.

In the communion of saints, who are the true members of this body, I promise to myself a right and mutual participation, of sacraments and other means of grace, for conferring on me remission of sins, and justifying my most steadfast assurance of this body being raised, and my whole man translated to the life everlasting.

For all these things, O Lord, I rely on thy truth and goodness. How excellent is thy mercy, which hath dealt so bountifully with us! Establish, I pray thee, my heart in thy word, that

I may keep that good thing which I have heard of thee, concerning thy love, which is in Christ Jesus, and let me not be disappointed of this my hope.

An Act of Intercession.

FURTHERMORE, I entreat thee, O Lord, that thou wouldst remember every one for good.

Have mercy upon all, and be reconciled to all. Establish tranquillity among thy people every where; remove all things that offend; and make all wars to cease. Put to shame the innovations of heresy and schism, and fill our hearts with thy peace, and thy love.

O God of our salvation, who art the confidence, of all the ends of the earth, be mindful to crown the year with thy goodness, and let thy clouds drop fatness: For upon thee do wait the eyes of all, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Remember thy holy church, from the one end of the earth to the other, which thou hast purchased with thy precious blood; and settle it upon the firm foundations of truth, and peace, and love, so long as the world endures.

Be favourable to all those good men, who bring forth the fruits of piety and charity in any particular churches: Crown all their holy labours with success; and the alms they contribute to

thy needy members, do thou return into their bosoms, in rich and heavenly graces; abundantly overpaying their earthly things, with heavenly; their corruptible things, with incorruptible; their temporal, with eternal.

Shed thy grace upon all those pious souls, who devote themselves to thy service, by a life of austerity and abstinence, by voluntary virginity, strict purity, or severe mortification; and on those also, who use the world, as not abusing it, by a discreet and moderate enjoyment of the most lawful pleasures, under the constant direction and restraint of religion, and godly fear.

Think upon every Christian labouring under any sort of affliction, distress, pain, or grief; and standing in need of thy pity and assistance: All our poor brethren, in captivity, in chains, in bitter and barbarous slavery; grant to the exiled, a safe return home; health to the sick; comfort to the sorrowful; and liberty to the prisoners.

Bless, we beseech thee, all with whom thou hast entrusted the government of thy people: Strengthen their hands, and dispose their hearts, to seek the welfare, and promote the honour and interest of the church and state. Grant them safe, honourable, and uninterrupted peace; that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.

Bless all in authority over us; our counsellors, magistrates, and judges.

Pour out thy Holy Spirit abundantly upon our spiritual fathers, the bishops and pastors of thy flock: the reverend priests, and the whole

clergy. Make them workmen, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, and exemplifying and adorning it, both by the soundness of their doctrine, and the integrity of their lives.

Fill our garners plenteously with all manner of store; preserve peace and comfort in all private families; concord and tender affection between husbands and wives; defend and cherish all young children; provide for the instruction and good education of our youth; support our old men under the infirmities of age; comfort the feeble-minded, gather together the dispersed, disabuse the deceived and seduced, bring back all that have erred from thy way, and unite them again to thy holy catholic and apostolic church. Release those that are vexed with evil spirits.

Be a Pilot to the sailors, a Guide to the travellers, an Husband to the widows, a Father to the fatherless, a Deliverer to the oppressed, a Physician to the diseased. Extend thy mercy to all criminals at the bar; to all slaves in the mines, or gallies; to all under neglect, contempt and want; but especially, to all that are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and a good conscience: That so there may be no creature in adversity, who doth not feel thy comforts and compassion.

Be kind to all my friends, and to all mine enemies; to all who have prayed for me; and to all who have desired of poor unworthy me, that I would pray for them.

Finally, O Lord, shower down the riches of thy mercy upon every one recommended, or not recommended, by me, or any other intercessor: And grant to each of them, all things necessary and expedient, for their present circumstances: For thou art the friend of the friendless; the helper of the helpless; the hope of the hopeless; be thou therefore all things to all men; who art perfectly acquainted with each man, and his condition, his wants, and his desires.

Defend, O Lord, the place wherein I dwell, and this whole country, whereunto I belong, from pestilence and famine, from earthquakes and inundations, invasions from abroad, and civil wars at home.

Close up the rents of schismatical and divided Christians; restrain the rage and cruelty of Infidels; diffuse into all hearts humanity and mutual charity; and so make us all meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us: Yea, prosper thou our handy work.

Be thou, O Lord, within me, to strengthen me: Without me, to watch me: Over me, to cover me: Under me, to hold me up: Before me, to lead me: Behind me, to bring me back: Round about me, to keep off mine enemies on every side.

An Act of Praise.

BLESSED be thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the glory, and the victory, and the Majesty; for all that is in the heaven, and in the earth, is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thy hand is power and might, and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, O Lord, we thank thee, and evermore will praise thy glorious name.

THURSDAY.

EARLY in the morning do I cry unto thee; for in thy word is my trust.

O satisfy me with thy mercy, and that soon; so shall I rejoice, and be glad, all the days of my life.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, command the waters to bring forth abundantly, the moving creature that hath life; the fish, and fowl, great whales, and winged birds; and didst bless them, and give them power to increase and multiply.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, return to thy Father's throne.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth: And by thy ascension, so draw us after thee, that we may henceforth set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth.

By that salutary and venerable sacrament of thy most holy body and most precious blood, which thou, on this day's evening, wert pleased to institute, have mercy upon us, and deliver us, good Lord.



An Act of Confession.

O THOU, who hast most solemnly declared, As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of a sinner; but would rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: Turn ye, turn ye, from the evil of your ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Turn thou us, O good Lord, to thee, and so shall we be turned. Yea, turn us from all our iniquities, that they may not be our ruin.

I have sinned, I have committed iniquity, I have done wickedly and have rebelled; even by departing from thy commandments, and thy judgments.

Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth righteousness, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; because of our trespass, which we have trespassed.

O Lord, unto us belong shame and reproach; to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers; because, we have sinned against thee.

O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee let thine anger, and thy fury be turned away, and cause thy face to shine on me, thy sorrowful and penitent creature.

O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see my great affliction: O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not for thine own sake, O my God: For thy servant is called by thy name.

In many things we offend all: Lord, when thou bringest my sins to account, let mercy rejoice against judgment. If I say that I have no sin, I deceive myself, and the truth is not in me. But I will confess my many and grievous offences, that thou mayest be just and faithful in forgiving my sins, and cleansing me from all unrighteousness.

And, for this purpose, I have an advocate with thee, thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the righteous; O let him be an effectual propitiation for my sins, who is a sufficient propitiation for the sins of the whole world!

Will the Lord cast off for ever? And will he be no more entreated? Is his mercy clean gone, and doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? And will he shut up his loving kindness in displeasure? No, these distrusts are from my own infirmity: But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. I will meditate also on thy truth

and goodness; and comfort myself with thy mercies of old time.

A Prayer for Grace.

O THOU, without whom I can do nothing, help me to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset me: All filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life: Every motion of the body, and of the mind, which is repugnant to thy holy will.

Give me poverty in spirit; that mine may be the kingdom of heaven: Godly sorrow; that I may be comforted: Meekness, that I may inherit the earth: Hunger and thirst after righteousness, that I may be filled. Grant me to be merciful, that I may obtain mercy: Pure in heart, that I may see God: A maker of peace, that I may be called the child of God. Prepare me patiently to undergo revilings, persecutions, and evil falsely spoken for righteousness sake; that my reward may be great in heaven.

An Act of Faith.

I COME to God, in firm belief that he is: And that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God: That he is of a truth the Saviour of the world; that he came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust to be saved, even as our fathers.

I know that this frail body shall rise again, and stand at the latter day upon the earth: At which time, I steadfastly depend upon seeing the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living.

My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, because I have hoped in his holy name.

By all thy endearing titles of God, Father, Creator, Saviour, Mediator, Intercessor, Redeemer, and two-fold Comforter, typified by the Lamb, and by the Dove, I beseech thee, Three Persons, One God, let thy merciful kindness be upon me, like as I do put my trust in thee.



An Act of Intercession.

LET us pray, in the peace of the Lord, for that peace which the world cannot give; which cometh from above, for the comfort and salvation of our souls.

Let us also beg of God peace for all mankind, especially for tranquillity, firm establishment, and perpetual safety, to his holy catholic church; and a good agreement, and godly union of Christians with each other.

To this end I implore his blessing, in a more

particular manner, upon our reverend fathers, the bishops, all the subordinate clergy, and all congregations committed to their charge; particularly those that minister in holy things, and all the good people who dwell in this place, under their ministry.

That God would give temperate and healthful weather; kindly and fruitful seasons; quiet and comfortable times; that he would accompany and direct all travellers by land or by water; that he would make the beds of the sick, hear the cries of the oppressed, let the imprisoned go free, sustain the afflicted and dejected; sanctifying all, and, by such means as his wisdom knows best, giving an happy issue to their respective sufferings.

I will also, after the example of the saints before me, commend myself, my life, and every action and event of it to thee, my Lord, and my God: For unto thee belongeth glory, and honour, and worship.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of what shall I be afraid?

For lo! I have deposited myself, my friends, and all that is mine, in the hands of him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy: Even thy hands, my only wise God and Saviour, to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy

Ghost, be therefore, with me, and with all whom I have prayed for. Amen.



An Act of Praise.

O LORD, my good and gracious God, for that thou hast given me being, for that thou hast given me life, for that thou hast given me reason, for that thy bountiful providence hath nourished me, preserved me, directed and governed me:

For my education, for my civil station, for my religion, for all thy gifts of grace, of nature, ^{of} fortune: ^{ver}

For my redemption, regeneration, instruction in the truth; for thy calls to me, for thy repeated calls, for thy continuing to repeat those calls times without number; for thy forbearance and long suffering, thy long, thy very long suffering, after great provocations, upon many occasions, for so many years, and even to this very time:

For every mercy which I have received; for every undertaking in which thou hast prospered me; for every good action (if any action of mine be good) which thou hast enabled me to do; for all the enjoyments of this present life, and for all thy promises, and all my hopes of a better life to come:

For the advantage of indulgent and careful parents; for the benefit of gentle teachers; for the kindness of never to be forgotten benefactors; for the pleasure of agreeable friends; for

the comfort of peaceable neighbours; for the satisfaction of trusty, frugal and diligent servants:

For all who have at any time done me good; by their writings, or by their sermons; by their discourse, or by their temper; by their prayers, or by their examples; by their advice, or by their reproofs; by their rewards, or by their punishments; nay, perhaps, even by their causeless censures of me, or unjust proceedings against me:

For all these, and for all other instances of any manner of good done to me, whether asked or unasked; whether intended or not intended; whether known or unknown; whether remembered or forgotten; whether with or against my own consent: I do, and will, praise thee; I do, and will; bless thee; I do, and will, humbly adore thee, and most heartily thank thee, this day, and every day of my life.

O! what is thy servant, or what is my father's house, that the great and glorious God should look upon such a dead dog as I am?

What shall I render unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? For all that mercy which spared me when I deserved punishment; for all that patience which did not disdain to wait for my happy change; when so much goodness should at length lead me to repentance.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come; thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

FRIDAY.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord, and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, command the earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind; cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, after their kind; that they might be serviceable to man for food, for clothing, and for help in his labours:

And who madest man after thy own likeness, and didst bless him, and give him dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over all the earth.

In which wonderful and most noble operation I behold, and thankfully admire, thy consultation about it, the work of thine own hand in it, thy breathing of life into him, whereby man became a living soul; the image of thy own divine mind impressed upon him; the government of creatures here below committed to him; the paradise prepared for him; the charge given to thy angels concerning him; the marvellous structure of his body, the several functions of his heart, his reins, his eyes, his ears, his tongue, his hands, his feet, and indeed his every part; for in all he is fearfully and wonderfully made.

But still more useful and more amazing are the superior faculties of his soul; life, sensation, reason, intellect, free will, memory, and conscience.

How amply also hast thou made provision for the exercise of these noble faculties! By a revealed and written law; by the oracles of inspired prophets; by the melody of holy psalms; by the profitable instruction of wise proverbs and parables; by the examples and experience to be gathered from faithful histories; and by the typical worship of sacrifices, the shadows of greater and better things to come.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, for that great and precious promise, which thou, in the bowels of thy mercy, didst vouchsafe to give for the support of our fallen parents, That the seed of the woman should break the serpent's head; and for the punctual accomplishment of that promise, which thou, in the fulness of time, was pleased to make on this day.

Blessed be thou, O Lord, my God, and my Saviour, for the holy and bitter sufferings of this day! O grant, that what thou wert then content to endure for us men, and for our salvation, may be effectual, for the saving of my soul in particular.

An Act of Contrition.

I HAVE rebelled against the Lord my God, and have fallen by my iniquity; but I will take with me words, and will return unto him, and say, take away all my iniquity, and receive me graciously; so will I render the calves of my lips.

Spare me, good Lord, spare me, and give not up thy servant to reproach and ruin. Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful; cease from thine anger, I beseech thee; repent, Lord, of the evil, and let it not be.

I have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken my own mercy, and have been justly cast out of the sight of thine eyes.

But, when my soul fainteth, I will remember my God, and will look again towards thy holy temple.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of thy people? Thou retainest not thine anger for ever, because thou delightest in mercy.

Turn again then, and have compassion upon me; do thou subdue all mine iniquities, and cast my sins into the depths of the sea. Yea, perform all thy truth, and thy goodness upon thy servant.

O Lord, I have heard thy threatenings, and was afraid: I have considered thy works, and was astonished: But do thou in wrath remember mercy.

Behold me, O Lord, like thy servant heretofore, clothed with filthy garments, and Satan standing at my right hand; but do thou, by the blood of thy covenant, by the fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness, wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and save me, as a brand plucked out of the fire.

Father, forgive me, for I knew not what I did: Alas! I knew not what I did, when I sinned

so grievously against thee. Lord, remember me, in thy kingdom; Lord, lay not the sins of mine enemies to their charge. Lord, lay not my own sins to my charge:

But, by thy agony and bloody sweat, by thy head crowned with thorns, and smitten with fists and staves; by thine eyes, full of tears, and thine ears pierced with slanders and revilings; by thy face miserably defiled with spittle; by thy mouth moistened with vinegar and gall; by thy neck bending under the weight of the cross; by thy back torn and furrowed with scourges; by thy loud and bitter cry, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? By thy heart wounded with a soldier's spear; by the water and blood streaming from that wound; by thy body broken, and thy blood shed, for me; by the saving and significant memorials of thy love and sufferings; forgive, O Lord, the offence of thy servant, and cover all my sins.

Take away all thy displeasure, and turn thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn me, O God, my Saviour, and let thine anger cease from me.

Wilt thou be displeased for ever? And wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken me, that thy servant may rejoice in thee?

O show me thy mercy, good Lord, and grant me thy salvation.

A Prayer for Grace.

DEFEND me, I beseech thee, by thy mighty power, and endue me with strength, in the inner man; effectually to withstand and irreconcilably to abhor adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wraths, murders, strifes, seditions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revelings, and all the works of the flesh, with its corrupt affections and lusts:

And help me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour; and let me not be barren in that knowledge, but bring forth abundantly the fruit of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, and forbearance, against which there is no law.

*An Act of Faith.*

I BELIEVE, that thou, O God the Father, hast created me; despise not then the work of thy own hands.

I believe that thou hast made me in thy own image, after thy likeness; suffer not then thy likeness to be cast away and perish.

I believe that thou, O God the Son, hast redeemed me by thy blood; permit not then thy-

self to be defrauded of a purchase which cost thee so dear.

I believe myself to be called a Christian, after thy own name; disregard not then the person, whose greatest honour it is to be named after thee.

I believe, that thou, O God the Holy Ghost, hast sanctified me by the laver of regeneration; reject not then the soul, which thou hast graciously admitted to be partaker of thy holiness.

I believe that thou hast grafted me into the good olive-tree; cut not off the branch which thou hast thus made a member of Christ's mystical body.

O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation, and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mayest thou ever be with me, O Lord, by thy power, to protect me: By thy mercy in Christ to save me: By thy truth and holy Scripture, to instruct and comfort me: By the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to renew and quicken me, now and for ever and ever.

O dearest Saviour, impart to me thy whole self: and let every part and act of thine have its saving influence over me:

Sanctify me by thy Spirit: feed and strengthen me by thy body; ransom me by thy blood; wash me in thy water; heal me by thy stripes; refresh me by thy sweat; hide me in thy wounds.

And the peace of God, which passeth all un-

derstanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God.

*An Act of Intercession from the ancient Liturgy
of the Church of Jerusalem.*

AND now, O Lord Jesus Christ, in full faith and trust in thy life-giving passion, salutary cross, death, burial, and resurrection from the dead on the third day, thy ascension into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of the Father, and looking for thy second glorious and terrible advent, when thou shalt come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, and shall render to every one according to his works, we wretched and miserable sinners do beseech thee, that thou wouldest not deal with us after our sins, nor reward us after our iniquities; but according to thy clemency and ineffable love to mankind, overlooking and blotting out the hand-writing that is against us thy servants, wouldest grant us thy heavenly and eternal good things; for thy people and thine inheritance make their supplications unto thee; have mercy upon us, O Lord God, Almighty Father, have mercy upon us, according to thy great mercy, and send down thy Holy Spirit upon us all, through the appointed means and channels of grace in thy church, for the sanctification of soul and body, for bringing forth the fruit of good works, for remission of sins, and for life everlasting.

We supplicate and entreat thee, O Lord, for thy holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the whole world: Do thou now also, O Lord, plentifully furnish her with the rich gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Look down upon her in her captivity: O visit her once more with thy salvation; and bring her out to serve thee in the beauty of holiness.

Remember, O Lord, the holy bishops in thy church, (especially thy servant our bishop) endow them with wisdom, and fill them with the Holy Ghost, that they may rightly divide, and uprightly walk in the word of truth.

Remember O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies and compassions, all the presbyters and deacons who compass thy holy altar; grant to those an unblameable presbyterate, and preserve these unspotted in their ministry, and purchase for them good degrees.

Remember, O Lord, all kings and princes, whom thou hast appointed to reign upon the earth, (especially thy servant our king,) and all in authority; establish their kingdoms in peace, and incline their hearts to be favourable to thy church, that in their tranquillity we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

Remember, O Lord, this city, diocese, parish, &c. and every city and country, with all the faithful that dwell in them; preserve them in peace and safety.

Remember, O Lord, our Christian brethren that travel by sea or by land, or are in foreign

countries; that are in chains or imprisonment; that are in captivity or banishment, or in hard slavery.

Remember, O Lord, those that are sick, or diseased, and make haste to heal and deliver them.

Remember, O Lord, every Christian soul under affliction or calamity, and all who stand in need of thy divine mercy and help.

Remember also, the conversion of them that be in error.

Remember all, O Lord, for good; have mercy upon all, O Lord; be reconciled to us all; settle the flocks of thy people in peace; remove all scandals; make wars to cease; put a stop to the violence of heresies; heal the schisms of the churches; and grant us thy peace and love, O God, our Saviour, and the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Remember, O Lord, to grant us temperate weather, moderate showers, pleasant dews, and plenty of the fruits of the earth; and to bless the whole circle of the year with thy goodness; for the eyes of all hope in thee, and thou givest them food in due season; thou openest thine hand, and fillest every living creature with thy gracious bounty.

Remember, O Lord, all who bring forth fruit, and do good works in thy holy churches, and who are mindful of the poor, the widows, orphans, strangers, and indigent persons, and all who desire to be remembered in our prayers.

And grant that we may all find mercy and

favour with all thy saints, who, from the beginning of the world, have pleased thee in their several generations; patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and every just spirit made perfect in the faith of thy Christ, from righteous Abel, even unto this day; do thou give them and us rest in the region of the living, in the bosoms of our holy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whence sorrow, grief, and lamentation are banished away, where the light of thy countenance visits and shines continually; and vouchsafe to bring them and us to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom: And dispose the end of our lives, O Lord, in peace, that they may be Christian, well pleasing to thee, and free from sin; that so, with that innumerable company before the throne, we may sing praises evermore to thy glorious name, O Jesus, our Saviour, our Lord, and our God, in the unity of the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Hallelujah.



An Act of Praise.

GLORY to thee, gracious and merciful God, who, when miserable man had, by transgressing thy commandments, forfeited thy favour, and utterly lost himself; didst not disdain, nor forsake him, in this forlorn condition; but by many admirable methods, didst visit and pity him.

As a compassionate and tender Father, sustaining him with thy greatest and most comfort-

able promise, that the seed of the woman should break the serpent's head: Opening a door of faith and repentance; and, in the fulness of time, sending out of thy bosom thy Christ, the Son of thy love, to take upon him the seed of Abraham; that, by his spotless and holy life, he might fulfil the obedience of the law; and, by the sacrifice of his death, might take away the curse and sting of death; and, after having thus given himself a ransom for the whole world, might, by his resurrection, restore that world to life.

O infinitely wise and good God, who has left no expedient untried, for bringing lapsed mankind back again to happiness; and making them partakers of thy divine nature, and everlasting glory.

O thou, who hast borne such ample testimony to the truth of thy Son's Gospel, by miracles manifold and numberless, by the most holy and memorable lives of thy saints and servants, by their invincible patience under torments and death, by the most astonishing conversion of the world, blinded with ignorance, prejudice, and sensuality, to the obedience of the faith: And all this accomplished, without any advantage, or assistance, from wealth, or power, or public countenance, or charms of eloquence, or force of arms: Blessed and praised, lauded and magnified, exalted, sanctified, and adored, be thy glorious name for ever and ever.

May the memory, and every mention of these inestimable instances of thy wondrous love, fill

every heart with joy and thankfulness, in all places, and throughout all generations.

Worthy art thou, O Lord, to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Therefore unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

Salvation to our God, who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY.

O LORD, be gracious unto us, for we have waited for thee. Be thou our arm every morning, and our salvation in the time of trouble.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who, as on this seventh day, didst rest from all thy works, and didst bless and hallow it for a memorial of the creation; for a sign of the covenant made with thy peculiar people; for thankful remembrance of their release out of the Egyptian bondage.

O may I always most thankfully acknowledge my absolute dependance on thee, and thy great

goodness and bounty to me and all thy creatures: May I always adore and bless thee for all the gracious dispensations of thy providence, and wonderful mercies and deliverances vouchsafed unto thy church and people in all ages.

Blessed art thou, my God, and my Saviour, who wast content to lie this day in the bowels of the earth; and be like to them that are slain, who sleep in the grave, and pass out of remembrance.

Give to me, Lord, and to all who are baptized into thy death, grace so to mortify our corrupt affections, that we may effectually be buried with thee; and finally, through the grave and gate of death, may, by thy merits, pass to our joyful resurrection.



An Act of Confession.

O MY God, I am ashamed, and blush to lift my face unto thee; for my iniquities are increased over my head, and my trespass is grown up to the heavens.

From the time of my youth, until this very day, have I been in a great trespass, and cannot stand before thee because of this.

My sins are more in number than the sand of the sea, so that I am not worthy to look up to heaven; neither is there any rest in my soul, because I have provoked my God to wrath, and I have done that which is evil in his sight, by

refusing his will, and departing from his commandments.

Now therefore, behold, I bow the knees of my heart, and humbly implore thy mercy.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I acknowledge my grievous and manifold transgressions.

Good Lord destroy me not, nor cut me off in my sins; let not thy jealousy burn like fire for ever, neither condemn me to the prisons of darkness; for thou art the God of them that return: Show forth thy infinite loving kindness upon thy unworthy servant:

So shalt thou save me in the multitude of thy mercies, so shall my mouth be filled with thy praise, and I will sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. Speak the word only, and thy servant shall be healed. Lord, save me. Carest thou not that I perish; Jesus, Master, have mercy on me! Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me! Say unto my soul, thou art loosed from thine infirmity: O say, my grace is sufficient for thee.

Remember not my old sins, but have mercy on me, and that soon, for I am come to great misery.

Help me, O God of my salvation, for the glory of thy name: O deliver me, and be merciful to my sins, for thy name's sake.

Impart to me thy grace, that I may add to my faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance pa-

tience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity: That so, not forgetting that I have been purged from my old sins, I may be fruitful in good works, and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure.

An Act of Faith.

I BELIEVE in thee, O God the Father: If thou then be a Father, and we be children, even as a Father pitieth his own children, so have thou pity upon us, O Lord.

I believe in thee, the only Son, our Lord: Therefore, since thou art our Lord, and we are thy servants, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, even so shall our eyes wait upon thee, until thou have mercy on us.

I believe that although we were neither children nor servants, but dogs only, in our Master's house: Yet even so, some hope might be allowed to eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table.

I believe, that Christ is the very Lamb of God: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, take away mine in particular.

I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners: O thou who art come to save sinners, save me a grievous, a miserable sinner, yea, even the chief of sinners.

I believe, that Christ came to seek that which

was lost: O thou, who camest to seek that which was lost, suffer him not to perish whom thou hast found and brought into thy fold, and ransomed from destruction.

I believe, that the Holy Ghost is the Lord and giver of life: O thou, who hast breathed into me the breath of life, grant me not to receive this living soul in vain.

I believe that the Spirit sanctifieth the heart by his grace: Grant that I may never resist, or quench, or defeat, or be unprofitable, under his sanctifying operations.

I believe the same Spirit maketh intercession for the saints with groanings that cannot be uttered: Let me, dear God, have a part in the benefit of those groanings, and that intercession.

Our fathers hoped in thee, they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen: They put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

As thou didst heretofore deliver our forefathers; so do thou now deliver us, who likewise put our trust in thee.



An Act of Intercession as on Thursday.

[Then add,]

MAY the power of the Father govern and protect me! May the wisdom of the Son teach and enlighten me! May the influence of the Holy Ghost renew and quicken me!

O Lord, I beseech thee, watch over my soul; strengthen and sustain my body; exalt and refine my appetites; compose my passions; regulate my manners; bless my undertakings; fulfil my petitions; suggest to me holy thoughts; pardon what is past; direct me in what is present; prevent me in what is to come.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS.

For the Evening.

HAVING passed over the day, I render hearty thanks to thee, my God, for thy good providence. The evening now draws on; make thou it comfortable.

But, as each day hath its evening, so likewise hath human life. Life's evening is old age; make thou this also comfortable.

O cast me not away in the time of age; neither forsake me when my strength faileth me. Even to hoary hairs do thou carry me. Thou hast made and hast sustained me hitherto, continue still to support and to deliver me.

Abide with me, my Jesus, for the time is far spent; yea, the shadows of the evening are stretched out, and the day is declining upon me.

Let thy strength, now especially, be made perfect in my weakness: For, as the day, so life is near its end; a life wherein we scarcely live.

The night posts on apace; so doth that death of which night is the image; a night, after which, in this world, we must expect no morning.

In constant remembrance, and due sense whereof, I earnestly entreat thee, blessed Lord, to order such an end of this life for me, as may.

be truly Christian; acceptable to thee, perfectly void of sin, and shame, and, so far as thou seest fit, free from extreme pain. So gathering me to the remainder of thy elect, in peace and innocence, at thy own time, and after thy own way; only let it be free from guilt and from reproach.

Let me always be mindful, that the days of darkness are many: And let this thought excite me to finish my work with diligence, before that night overtake me, wherein no man can work.

Judgment moves also towards me; grant me, good Lord, a favourable issue at that most awful and important tribunal.

I will lift up my hands by night in the sanctuary, and will praise the Lord.

The Lord hath commanded his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night season also my song shall be of him, and my prayer unto the Lord of my life.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

O let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, and the God of our fathers, who hast ordained the successions of light and darkness; who makest thy saints to rejoice upon their beds; who hast delivered me from the perils of this day, and not cut off my life like a weaver's web, nor wasted me with pining sickness from morning until night.

For Night

WEARIED with the labours and cares of the past day, I come to thee, my God, for quiet and repose, and new supplies of strength to drooping nature.

Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. Defend me from the terrors of the night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness.

O thou keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve me this night from all manner of evil; yea, do even thou preserve my soul.

Visit me also with the favour which thou bearest unto thy chosen; and teach me thy will in the visions of the night.

Or if I be not (as I confess I am not) worthy of so distinguishing a favour, yet O most kind and merciful Lord, let this season of rest be an entire cessation to me, as well from sin as from labour and sorrow; and suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind, which is capable either of displeasing thee, or of defiling me.

Let not the follies of sensual pleasure abuse me, but my reins rather chasten me in the night season; that my sleep may be perfectly composed and pure, quiet from every worldly and wicked imagination. And do thou, Lord, drive away all suggestions of the devil or the flesh.

Thou beholdest the wakefulness of mine enemies, which attack me unseen, and my weak-

ness to resist them is not hid from thee; who knowest whereof my nature is made, and rememberest that I am but feeble dust and ashes.

Take me then under the covering of thy wings, and let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

And, after such refreshment as thou seest proper for me, raise thou me up again to make my prayer in a time when thou mayest be found; that so I may begin my every day with thee, by setting forth most thankfully thy praises, and dedicating myself entirely to thy service.

At Bed-Time.

INTO thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, my spirit, my soul, and my body; for thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Together with me, take also under thy fatherly care and protection all that are near or dear to me, all that thou givest me leave to call mine: For all these are the gifts of thy bountiful hand to thy poor unworthy servant.

Preserve my lying down and my rising up, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Make me to remember thee on my bed, and to think upon thee when I am waking: Then let me commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit; for thou art about my path, and

about my bed, and when I awake I am present with thee.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

SHORT EJACULATIONS,

For particular Hours of the Night, and of the Day.

O THOU, who inspirest thy saints with songs in the night, and givest wholesome sleep to thy beloved; whose name I will think of in the night season, and will keep thy law; let thy protection and mercy be upon me, and let the prayers and thanksgivings come up to thee, which my soul poureth out when it fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch.

O thou, who for us men, and for our salvation, didst vouchsafe to be born, while shepherds were watching their flocks by night; grant me to be born again, by the daily renewing of the Holy Ghost, till Christ be formed in me unto a perfect man; and save me.

About Sun-Rising.

O THOU, who, very early in the morning, about the rising of the sun, wast pleased to leave thy empty tomb, and return again from the dead; raise me, I pray thee, to walk in newness of life, by such daily exercises of repentance and

virtue, as may keep me dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through thee, and save me.

Nine in the Morning.

O THOU, who at the third hour of the day, didst pour out from heaven upon thy apostles the miraculous gifts of the Holy Ghost, take not away from us the comforts of that Spirit, but fill our hearts with the riches of his grace, and save us.

O thou, who, about this hour, didst, with invincible meekness and patience, stand before Pilate's bar, and suffer a robber and murderer to be released before thee; grant us, in all our sufferings for the testimony of thy truth, and of a good conscience, to consider and imitate thee, who didst endure such contradiction of sinners against thyself, and save us.

Twelve at Noon.

O THOU, who at the sixth hour of the sixth day of the week, didst nail the sins of the world with thy body to the cross, blot out the hand-writing of our sins, which is against us, and take it out of the way, and save us.

O thou, who at the same hour of the day, didst let down a great sheet from heaven, filled with

all sorts of living creatures, figuring thereby to Peter thy universal church; grant, that we sinners of the Gentiles, who have been received into that mystical sheet, may with it at length be taken up into heaven, and save us.

One at Noon.

O THOU, who at the seventh hour, didst command the fever to leave the nobleman's son, allay all the distempered heats of our appetites and passions, and heal every sickness of our souls, and save us.

Three after Noon.

O THOU, who didst vouchsafe, about the ninth hour of the day, to taste death for the sins of every man, mortify in us our members which are upon the earth, even all things contrary to thy holy will, that we also may be crucified unto the world, and save us.

O thou, who, at this solemn time of prayer, didst magnify the power of thy apostles, by the cure of the impotent man at the gate of the temple; who didst also, at this hour, manifest thyself to Cornelius praying in his own house; Hear us, O Lord, in this and every hour, whether of public or of private prayer, and grant the desires

and petitions of thy servants, as thou knowest to be most expedient for us, and save us.

Four after Noon.

O THOU, who about the tenth hour of the day, didst fill thy apostle Andrew with joy, for having found the Messias: Discover thyself to us, who seek thee; fill us with the same holy joy for finding thee; and admit us to come and abide with thee, the whole remainder of this day, and of our life, and save us.

Five after Noon.

O THOU, who didst not disdain, even at the eleventh hour, to send labourers into the vineyard, and agree with them for their hire, after they had stood all the day idle: Be likewise gracious unto all that turn to thee, though they come late, though at the eleventh hour of life; and give us all grace, to make up the time which we have already mispent or lost, and save us.

Six after Noon.

O THOU, who at the hour of eating the Passover, didst institute the sacrament of thy Supper,

a holy and perpetual memorial of thy precious body and blood: Make us thankful and diligent partakers of the same; that we may eat and drink thereof, never to condemnation, but always to the obtaining remission of our sins, and all other benefits of thy passion, and save us.

O thou, who also wast, about this hour, taken down from the cross, and laid into the sepulchre, kill in us, we beseech thee, the body of sin, and bury in thy grave, all our corrupt affections, hiding and covering up our evil, with thy good works, and save us.

From Six to Nine in the Evening.

O THOU, who, when supper was ended, and night drew on, didst permit thy own disciple to betray thee to thy enemies, and was content to be apprehended by them: Enable us to imitate, under all injuries and oppressions, that meekness, which admitted the traitor's kiss, and surrendered thy person to those, whom thy word struck down to the ground, and save us.

O thou, who didst visit thy apostles assembled in the evening, when the doors were shut; and, by breathing on them, didst impart the Holy Ghost, and a power of remitting and retaining sins: Grant us the benefit and comfort of that power, to be used for the loosing and remitting, never for the binding and retaining of our offences, and save us.

Midnight.

O THOU, who didst, at midnight, raise the prophet David, and Paul, and Silas, to sing praises to thee, because of thy righteous judgments: Make us to think upon thee with gladness in our beds, whose presence makes our darkness to be light, and save us.

O thou, who hast compared thy second coming to that of a bridegroom at midnight; let this cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," be constantly sounded in our ears; and grant, that we may always be in readiness, with oil in our lamps, to go out and meet him, and save us.

Between Midnight and Morning.

O THOU, who by the crowing of the cock, didst call back thy fallen apostle to a sense of his sin and infirmity: Grant us, like him, to take warning by the same signal, to retire into ourselves, and weep bitterly for our offences, and then do thou accept our repentance, and save us.

O thou, who hast foretold, that thou wilt return to judgment, in an hour that we are not aware of: Grant us grace to watch and pray always, that whether thou shalt come at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning, thou mayest find us in the number of

those servants, who shall be blessed, for watching for their Lord, and save us.



Towards Break of Day.

O THOU, who formest the light, and bringest back the morning, causing thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good: Scatter the darkness of our ignorance, by the knowledge of thy truth; that in thy light we may see light; and lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, the light of grace here, and the light of glory hereafter.

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PRACTICAL DEVOTION.

THE following observations on prayer, are collected from different parts of Bishop Wilson's works, and are worthy of frequent and attentive perusal:

True devotion consists in having our hearts always devoted to God, as the sole fountain of all happiness; and who is ready to hear and to help his otherwise helpless and miserable creatures.

It is to be obtained,

1stly. By earnest prayer! He that hungers after righteousness, will certainly be filled!

2dly. By possessing our hearts with a deep sense of our own misery and sinfulness, our wants and danger.

3dly. By considering God's goodness, power, and readiness to help.

Lastly. By convincing our hearts of the vanity of every thing else to afford us any real help or comfort.

Dying persons are generally more devout than others, because they then see their misery,

that nothing in this world can help them, and that God is their only refuge.

We must change our lives, if we desire to change our hearts. God will have no regard to the prayers of those who have none to his commands.

The spirit of God will not dwell in a divided heart. We cannot feel the pleasures of devotion, while the world is our delight. Not that all pleasures are criminal; but the closer our union with the world, the less our union with God. A Christian, therefore, who strives after devotion, should taste sensual pleasures very sparingly; should make necessity, not bodily delight, his rule.

He that would be devout must beware of indulging a habit of wandering in prayer; it is a crime that will grow upon us, and deprive us of the happiness we pray for.

Avoid as much as may be, multiplicity of business. Neither the innocence nor the goodness of our employment will excuse, if it possess our hearts when we are praying to God.

Never be curious to know what passes in the world, any farther than duty obliges you; it will only distract the mind when it should be better employed.

Never intermit devotion if you can help it; you will return to your duty like Samson, shorn of his locks, weak and indifferent as other people of the world.

The oftener we renew our intercourse with God, the greater will be our devotion. Frequent

prayer, as it is an exercise of holy thoughts, is a most natural remedy against the power of sin. Importunity makes no change in God, but it creates in us such dispositions as God thinks proper to reward.

Make it a law to yourself to meditate before you pray, as also to make certain pauses to see if your hearts go along with your lips. They whose hearts desire nothing, pray for nothing.

Give me, O God, the spirit of true devotion, such as may give life to all my prayers, so that they may find acceptance in thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake.

He that has learnt to pray as he ought, has got the secret of a holy life.

It is of greater advantage to us than we imagine, that God does not grant our petitions immediately. We learn by that, whereunto we have already attained, it was the gift of God.

The best way to prevent wandering in prayer, is not to let our mind wander too much at other times; but to have God always in our minds, in the whole course of our lives.

The end of prayer is not to inform God, but to give man a sight of his own misery and sinfulness; to raise his soul towards heaven, and to put him in mind that there is his Father and inheritance.

It is a rudeness among men to ask a favour, and not stay for an answer. And do we count it no fault to pray for blessings, and never to think of them afterwards? never to wait for them? never to give God thanks for them?

Let us not run over our prayers with an insensible and distracted mind.

Let your prayer be as particular as may be against the sins of your particular state, for the graces which you in particular do most stand in need of. This is the best preservative against sin; makes us best acquainted with our condition; puts us continually in mind of mending what is amiss; lets us see what particular graces we most want, what are most needful for the cure of our own particular corruption and disorder.

The devil knows that when we have a relish for prayer, and apply ourselves in good earnest to it, that we are in the way of life; he therefore strives by all way possible to divert us.

God will deny us no good thing that we really desire and ask in the name of his Son, when we offer up our prayer through his mediation; it is then he that prays, his love that intercedes, his blood that pleads, it is he that obtains all from his Father.

The neglect of prayer is very often punished by God's leaving men to themselves and to their own wicked ways; which ever did and ever will end in their ruin.

The cause of which is plain; constant and wilful omission of this duty is a sure way to lose the knowledge and remembrance of God, his word and promises; and these men will have no motives to love or to fear God, nor any reason to hope for any good from him. It will also very naturally lead people to depend upon them-

selves only; to forget their own sad condition and misery, that they are liable to God's wrath and even to damnation.

The most sure way to avoid this, is to dedicate some time every day of our lives to the worship of God. By doing this we shall retain God in our knowledge, provided it be performed out of a deep sense of our own wants and miseries, with a firm faith in God's promises to fulfil the desires of them that fear him, and with an eye to the blood of Jesus our Redeemer, for whose sake and through whose suffering we are reconciled to God and God to us.

The following devotions will direct those who stand in need of such help, what to pray for every morning and every evening of their lives. Not but that every serious Christian will find occasion to ask many more favours and blessings than can be set down in any form of prayer.

For which reason then we add some short instructions, as also proper text of holy scriptures with short meditations upon them, to help the devotion of such as are well disposed, and also to lead them into a way of profiting at all times by the holy scriptures, heard or read by them or others, which we all too often hear without being bettered by them.

To begin and end the day with God, is the likeliest way to make servants faithful, children dutiful, wives obedient, and husbands sober, loving and careful; every one acting as in the sight of God.

This is the way to entail piety upon the gene-

rations to come. When children and servants come to have families of their own, they cannot be easy till they fall into the same serious method which they have been long used to.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it: nor perhaps his children after him for many generations.

The duty and benefit of morning prayer:—

Very many are the evil consequences of going without God into a world full of dangers and temptation, which of ourselves we can neither foresee nor escape. Whoever considers this, and the infinite mischief which may follow, will never venture abroad without praying for God's guidance, protection and blessing, every morning of his life.

The Lord hath brought us safe to the beginning of this day: Let us give thanks for this and all his mercies.

Let us pray that we may live in the fear of God, and continue in love and charity with our neighbours: That his holy spirit may direct and rule our hearts, teaching us what to do and what to avoid: That the grace of God may ever be with us, to support us in all our dangers, and carry us through all temptations.

That the Lord may bless all our honest endeavours, and make us content with what his providence shall order for us.

And that we may continue his faithful servants this day and all the days of our life.

For all which blessings let us pray devoutly, kneeling.

PRAYER.

Accept of our thanks, thou Giver of all good, for having preserved us through another night and brought us to the light of another day.

Continue this thy guardian care to us, O gracious God, till the night of death is past, when we beseech thee to raise us up to everlasting life.

We gratefully acknowledge our dependence upon thee for all the necessities, conveniences and comforts of our life, and for everlasting happiness hereafter.

We give thee thanks for the light of thy gospel and the help of thy grace, and for the promise thou hast made of pardon and forgiveness through thy son Jesus Christ, on our sincere repentance and amendment.

Give us, we beseech thee, such a sense of these and all thy other mercies to us, as may make us truly thankful to thee for them.

Give us grace ever to walk as in thy sight, making a conscience of all our ways, and fearing to offend thee, so that we may never fall into those sins of which we have already repented.

Enable us to resist and overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil; to

follow the motions of thy good spirit, to be serious and holy in our lives, true and just in our dealings, watchful over our thoughts, words and actions, diligent in our business, and temperate in all things.

Give us grace honestly to improve all the talents committed to our trust; and may no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, divert us from the concerns of the life to come.

May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, and upon all that belongs to us; and may we never undertake any work which we dare not beg of thee to prosper.

May thy grace defend us in all assaults of our enemies; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither into any kind of danger; but that all our doings be ordered by thy governance, we may always do that which is righteous in thy sight.

Give us, gracious God, what is needful for us, and grace not to abuse thy favours. Give us, we beseech thee, contented minds, and make us ever mindful of the wants of others. Give us in this world, the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Hear us, O merciful God, not according to our imperfect petitions, but according to the full meaning of that form of prayer which our Saviour hath taught.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our debts

as we forgive our debtors: And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

Let this prayer be frequently repeated immediately before the Lord's prayer: "Masters give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven."

O heavenly Master, bless me with good and faithful servants; and grant that I may perform all the duties of a Christian master; that I may have a tender concern for the welfare both of their bodies and souls, and be an example to them of sobriety, justice and piety; and that we may be an household fearing God. And may thy blessing be upon them, and upon all my affairs committed to their trust, for the sake of thy beloved Son.

The great benefit and duty of evening prayer:

Sleep, said a great man, is so much like death, that I dare not trust it without saying my prayers: and indeed, for fear of the worst, a thoughtful Christian will take care to make his peace with God before he goes to sleep, and put himself under God's protection every evening of his life; that he may be safe from the fear of evil.

Let one of the family read distinctly what followeth, the rest seriously attending.

By the goodness of God we are come to the

evening of this day, and we are so much nearer our latter end.

Let us seriously consider this, and pray God to prepare us for the hour of death.

Let us with penitent hearts beseech him to pardon our offences, and to deliver us from the evils which they have deserved.

Let us resolve to amend whatever we have done amiss, and pray God that his grace may keep us from returning to those sins which we have repented of.

And that we may be safe under his protection, who alone can defend us from the powers of darkness.

For all which blessings let us devoutly pray.



EVENING PRAYER.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we acknowledge thy great goodness to us, in sparing us when we deserved punishment; in giving us the necessities of this life, and setting before us the happiness of a better.

O merciful God, pardon our offences, correct and amend what is amiss in us; that as we grow in years we may grow in grace, and the nearer we come to our latter end the better we may be prepared for it.

“In the midst of life we are in death.” Lord grant that these thoughts may make us careful

how to live, that we may escape the bitter pains of eternal misery.

Take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and too much carefulness for things of this life.

Make us of an household fearing thee, O God, submitting ourselves to thy good pleasure, and putting our whole trust in thy mercy.

Give us a true knowledge of ourselves, of the corruption of our nature, and the necessity of thy gracious help to save us from ruin.

And may the spirit of Christ ever live and rule in us; possess our souls with a sincere love of thee, O God, with an earnest desire of pleasing thee and a great dread of offending thee.

Deliver us, O God, from the sin that doth most easily beset us; from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and pride of life; from all unprofitable and sinful thoughts; from lying lips and a deceitful tongue; from an uncharitable heart and inconstant mind.

Pity our infirmities, and help us to overcome them; keep us from forsaking thee for the time to come, that death may never overtake us unprepared.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; that we may consider in this our day the things that belong to our peace, for we are ourselves ere long to die.

Let thy good spirit ever be with us, to direct and rule our hearts, keep us from falling, and to present us blameless before the presenee of thy glory.

Remember, O merciful God, our friends, our

relations, and all thy servants, that they may be made partakers of the same blessings which we ask for ourselves.

Forgive all that have injured us, and do thou forgive our many offences against thee and against our neighbours.

Vouchsafe to us an interest in all the prayers of the faithful that have been offered up this day to the throne of grace.

Bless, we beseech thee, all those whom thy providence hath set over us, whether in church or state. And give us grace to obey them for conscience sake.

And finally, we beseech thee to give us grace, that we may lead and end our lives in thy faith and fear, and grant unto us all, that when we depart this life, we may dwell with thee in life everlasting.

Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be present and everlasting praises.

Let the following prayer be frequently used both in public and private devotions by all parents:

Ye parents bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his sake bless my children with healthful bodies and understanding souls and sanctified hearts. Keep them from all dangers and sad accidents. Let thy grace preserve them from the temptations of an evil world, and may I never

be wanting in any part of my duty towards them, but instruct them in the faith and duties of a Christian life: may I teach them the true religion, convince them of their faults, and correct them in reason and love. Be thou, O God, their Father, their guide, their portion in this world and the world to come. *Amen.*

SECOND MORNING PRAYER.

Almighty and eternal God, by whose providence we are sustained, we, the work of thy hands, and part of thy care, being very sensible of thy goodness to us hitherto, are prostrate before thee to implore thy mercy and protection for the time to come, most humbly beseeching thee to pardon all our iniquities which may hinder thy blessings from descending upon us.

We confess, O Lord, that our ingratitude and forgetfulness of thee, to whom we owe all that we have or expect in this world, and all our hopes in the next, might justly provoke thee to leave us to ourselves. But since thou hast given us some sense of our faults, we do in all humility hope and beg, that thou wilt give us thy pardon also for them, that they may never rise up in judgment against us:

And we do not only ask for the pardon of our sins, but for thy grace and powerful assistance; that we may not for the time to come, hazard

thy favour and protection, by our future wilful transgressions.

O Lord, leave us not unto ourselves, for without thee we can do nothing that is good. To thee, therefore, we look up for grace to know our duty, for willing minds to desire to do it, for strength to perform what thou requirest of us, and that thou wilt mercifully pardon our infirmities, and accept of our poor, unworthy services.

Accept, O Lord, of our vows, which we now renew before thee, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in thee, and serve thee faithfully all our days, and as thou hast excited these holy desires and purposes in our hearts, to enable us to perform them constantly in the whole course of our lives.

We put ourselves under thy protection, and beseech thee to give us grace, that with an humble confidence we may depend upon thy watchful providence, thy guidance and thy blessing.

And seeing that all men's labours are vain without thy blessing, we beseech thee to bless every one of us in our several places and callings. Prosper thou the works of our hands upon us, and give us grace thankfully to accept of, and soberly to use, whatever we shall this day receive at thy hands.

Bless us at home and abroad, and grant that we may walk as in thy sight, making a conscience of all our ways, and to the best of our knowledge, dealing with others as we ourselves would be dealt with; that by thy gracious fa-

your and our own endeavours, we may have prosperous success in all things that we undertake.

Give us grace, that we may be innocent and harmless in our conversations, well pleased with the prosperity of all around us, and desirous of the good of all people.

Continue to us, O God, the blessings we already enjoy; make every condition of life, every blessing we receive, every thing that befalleth us, a means of bringing us nearer unto thee, and to that happiness which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

And, O good God, may we never forget to praise thine infinite goodness, for all the blessings we have or shall receive at thy hands; but let the sense of them create in us a true and lively faith and gratitude, in all holy obedience.

And now we commend ourselves, our prayers, and all belonging to us, to thee, our Creator and Redeemer. We are willing in every thing to be disposed of as thou seest good, believing that thou orderest all things for thy honour, and for the good of those that depend upon thee as we do, for the blessings of this day.

The same blessings we ask for our friends, for our relations, for our enemies, if such we have, and for all those from whom we have received any kindnesses; for all those who desire our prayers; desiring those mercies for them, which we should ask for ourselves, were we in their condition.

These and all thy blessings, which thou

knowest better to grant than we to ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ; in whose most blessed name and words we offer up our wants and petitions, as he himself hath taught us.

Our Father, &c.

SECOND EVENING PRAYER.

Almighty God and most merciful Father! we are here again prostrate before thee, to acknowledge thy bounty and goodness to us the day past, to beg thy merciful protection this night, and to praise thy holy name for these and all other thy mercies bestowed upon us from day to day.

We confess, O God, and are heartily sorry for it, that we do not walk worthy of the great benefits which we constantly receive from thy good providence, nor make suitable returns for thy vast blessings; and therefore, we may justly fear, lest thou shouldst put a stop to the current of thy mercies to us.

But since thou hast inspired us with a sense of our unworthiness, we do humbly hope for, and depend upon thy pardon and grace, to do whatever thy good spirit shall direct.

Pardon, therefore, good Lord, whatever we have this day past offended, in thought, or word, or deed, against thee or our neighbours, for the merits of Jesus Christ.

Look upon us in much compassion, not for any thing in us, but for the love and respect which thou bearest to him in whom we verily believe thou art fully reconciled to us miserable sinners.

O Lord, make us to see the evil and danger of sin, that we may repent and turn to thee with all our hearts, and bring forth fruit meet for repentance.

Let thy wrath be turned from us, and destroy us not, together with our manifold transgressions. Be gracious unto us, according to thy wonted goodness.

Thou who abhorrest nothing which thou hast made, cast us not away from thy presence, take not thy Holy Spirit from us, but create in us new and clean hearts, hearts fit to serve thee; and write thy law upon them, that all our desires, words and actions may be conformable to thy blessed will; that every day we may be more sensible of thy mercy to us, in making us better the nearer thou bringest us to our end; that after the few nights and days we have to pass in this world, we may come to thy eternal rest, together with Jesus Christ.

For the things of this life, in a most grateful remembrance of thy mercies hitherto vouchsafed to us, we do entirely trust thee for the time to come, resolving by thy grace, to be satisfied with whatever thy good providence shall assign us.

Only this we are importunate for, and most fervently beseech thee to grant, that we may, all

our days please thee, in a constant and zealous practice of piety and devotion, of temperance and chastity, of meekness, patience, truth and fidelity, as may adorn the religion and name of our Lord and Master.

In a sober confidence that thou hearest us, we commit ourselves and all that belong to us, to thy watchful providence this night, and when we shall not be able to think how to defend ourselves from the least misfortune that may assault us, we depend on thee, O God, and thy protection.

Watch over us during our slumbers; let not our sleep be excessive, but raise us up in due time, that we may serve and praise thee joyfully; that we may enter upon our several employments and callings, and perform them justly, and seek thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof above all things.

May the neighbourhood wherein we live, and especially this habitation, be free from all accidents, from the violence of fire, from the designs and attempts of wicked men.

May we all rise in the morning with healthful bodies and grateful souls, and begin anew the delightful worship of thee, and enter with clear consciences and holy tempers on the duties of the day.

Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

THIRD MORNING PRAYER.

What shall we tender unto the Lord, for his mercies renewed unto us every morning?

We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay our vows unto the Most High.

And may God accept of our most hearty thanks for our preservation and refreshment, and for all the blessings of the night past, and of our life past!

Possess our souls, gracious God, with such a sense of this thy goodness to us, and of our dependence upon thee for life and health, and prosperity and comfort, that it may be our delight, as it is our duty and interest, to serve thee and obey thee.

And that we may do this with quiet minds, forgive us the sins of which our conscience is afraid, and avert the judgments which we have justly deserved.

Give us grace, that we may continue in thy fear all the day long; and that we may live and act as having thee the constant witness of all our thoughts, designs, words and actions, and that it may be the purpose of our souls never to offend thee wilfully.

May thy restraining grace preserve us from the temptations of an evil world, from the frailty and corruption of our own nature, and from the evil principles and practices of the age we live in.

Possess our hearts with a sincere love for thee and all mankind; and grant that we may have

this comfortable and sure proof of thy love abiding in us, that we may study to please thee, and to keep thy commandments.

Give us a tender compassion for the wants and miseries of our neighbours; and do thou have compassion on us, O God.

In all our ways we do acknowledge thee. Do thou, O Lord, direct our paths, and teach us to guide our affairs, our designs, our words and actions with charity, discretion, justice and piety.

Show us the way that we should walk in, and give us grace to follow the conduct of thy good spirit, that we may do our duty in that state of life in which thy providence has placed us.

Preserve us from an idle and useless life; let us ever remember that the night cometh when no man can work, and that now is the time in which to provide for eternity.

Grant, gracious God, that no worldly pleasures, no worldly business, may ever make us lose sight of death, or forget the dangers that are around us, or make us forget the serious duties of religion.

Fill our hearts with the dread of the punishment prepared for impenitent sinners, and also with a sense of the blessings which will be the sure reward of all them that love thee and obey thy laws.

Hear us, heavenly Father, not according to our imperfect petitions, but according to the full meaning of that holy prayer which thy beloved Son hath taught us.

Our Father, &c.

THIRD EVENING PRAYER.

O Lord, the Creator of the world, we do here in all humility present ourselves before thee, to pay our evening homage, beseeching thee to accept of our souls and bodies a living sacrifice to thee, our God, who hast made and redeemed both; but most unfit, O Lord, are they, to be to thee presented, until we have obtained thy grace or pardon for the many sins by which they have been defiled. Our whole nature is corrupt, exceeding prone to evil, and averse to good; our understanding is full of ignorance and errors; our will perverse; our passions are ungovernable, and our senses have been the inlets of all impurity; all the faculties of our soul and bodies have been abused. Lord pity and cleanse, and forgive and accept, and save us for thy mercy's sake.

There is nothing, O Lord, so afflictive to us as the remembrance that we have at any time offended thee, the best of friends, the kindest of Fathers: we are heartily sorry for the transgression of any of thy sacred, righteous and good laws; we abhor the thought of doing so again, and do seriously protest against it.

Remember not therefore the sins and offences of our youth, and in great mercy blot out those of our riper years; then will our God be much pleased with the daily sacrifices of his servants, and will not repent that he has added another day to the years of our lives.

And now, O Lord, we ascribe it with all grateful acknowledgments to thy goodness and providence, that we have this day been preserved from all evil and sad calamities, and that none of thy judgments (to which we are justly liable) have fallen upon us. But that thou hast liberally and with a bountiful hand supplied us with the necessities of this life; that thou art still pleased to support us in a condition so much above our deservings. This creates in us such a sense of gratitude as we are not able to express. Dear God, add this to the rest of thy favours, to thy unworthy servants, that they may never forget or feel indisposed to praise thy holy name, for all the blessings we every day receive from thy hand. Possess us with such a deep sense of the obligation we have to thee, and the great favour thou hast bestowed on us, in giving us a knowledge of thee and of thy Son, Jesus Christ, that religion may be the business of our lives, our greatest pleasure to serve thee, and our highest design to attain eternal happiness.

Give us grace that we may always have this resolution in our minds, to serve thee in the impartial performance of every known duty. Thou needest not, O God, our service, but we beseech thee to accept of our humble desire of serving thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Into thy hands we commend this night, both our souls and bodies, which have by thee been mercifully preserved in safety all this day. We repose ourselves in the belief of thy watchful providence; that thou givest thine angels charge

over us; and if thou seest good, no evil can come nigh us. And grant, O Lord and Judge of mankind! that we may so pass all the days and nights of our life in thy fear, and to thy glory, that when the great day shall come, when no night shall follow, we may by the merits of Christ, receive a crown of glory, which thou dost promise to them that love thee. These things, and whatever else our necessities and charity oblige us to pray for, we most humbly beg, hoping to receive them through the merits of Jesus Christ.



FOURTH MORNING PRAYER.

O most holy, blessed and glorious Majesty of heaven and earth! Before thee, the author of our beings, we humbly prostrate ourselves this morning; most gratefully acknowledging the duty which we owe to thee, both as we are thy creatures, and as we wish to be Christians. And that we have so often neglected this duty, or been backward and cold in the performance of it; this, now we are in our right mind, we justly condemn ourselves for; we heartily bewail it, and in the bitterness of our souls repent of it. And because we are not worthy to be heard for our own sake, we set before thee the merits of thy Son, who is the propitiation for our sins. For his righteousness, pardon the offences of us thy servants, and grant us those things by thy

mercy, which by the strict rule of justice are not due to us.

Heal all the vicious inclinations of our souls and perfect in us a hearty love of holiness, that by thy grace we may perform all those engagements that are upon us. And blessed be the goodness of God, which has so often presented us with that grace, to which we owe all the good thoughts that are in our hearts, all the motions of our souls to virtue and piety, and all the effects of them in the whole course of our lives.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for all the blessings we have undeservedly received from thee; and particularly that thou hast kept us the night past from all perils of body and soul, and hast given us a comfortable sleep, which favour thou hast denied to many others, and raised us up with desires of continuing to be thy faithful servants this day, and the remainder of our lives.

Deny not, therefore, dear Lord, the desires of those souls which offer up themselves without reserve, to thy service. Preserve us always in this serious temper of mind; that a just sense of our duty may make us evermore ready and forward to do it; that the sense of our weakness may make us watchful and diligent; and that the remembrance of our former negligence, may make us more fervent and pressing; that the goodness of thy commands may make our obedience more cheerful; and that the great dangers which we have escaped, and the blessings before us, may provoke us to persevere

most patiently in all well doing; so that we may be like our great Lord and Master, that we may do him some service while we live in the world, and walk worthy of the mighty privileges he has bestowed upon us.

Conduct us safely, O good Providence, through all the temptations and troubles of this life, to that blessed place where our Lord Jesus Christ liveth and reigneth with thee, world without end.
Amen.

FOURTH EVENING PRAYER.

O most gracious and merciful God, we give thee thanks that it has pleased thee to add another day to the years of our lives, and that none of thy judgments, to which for our sins, we are justly liable, have fallen upon us.

Accept, O Lord, our unfeigned thanks, for this thy care over us, for delivering us from the dangers of an evil world, and for the many undeserved blessings bestowed upon us from day to day.

Blessed be thy goodness, that our sins and ingratitude have not prevented thee from bringing us safe to the evening of this day.

O God, infinite in mercy, pardon our sins of the day past, whether in thought, word or deed, which we have committed through the fraud or malice of the devil, or through our own weak-

ness and frailty, and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us.

Prepare us, we beseech thee, for a continuance of thy favours, by giving us the grace of a true repentance, and a thorough amendment of life.

But, O Lord, the frailty of man without thee, cannot but fall: in all temptations, therefore, we beseech thee to succour us, that no sin may ever get the dominion over us.

Give us a salutary dread of the corruption of our hearts; make us truly sensible of the weakness and sinfulness of our whole nature; show us the absolute need we have of thy gracious help, that we may pray for it continually.

Vouchsafe to all sinners, a true sense of their unhappy state, a fear of thy judgments, and grace and strength to break the bonds of sin asunder.

May we ever make a right use of the time which thy goodness shall yet vouchsafe us, and not dare to abuse thy patience and long suffering.

May the thoughts of death mortify in us all pride and covetousness, and a love for this world; and may our firm belief of a judgment to come, make us ever careful to please thee, our Lord and Judge, that we may find mercy at that day.

Make us ever mindful of our latter end, and fix in our hearts a lively sense of the happiness and misery of the world to come.

Grant that we may lie down to sleep with

the same charitable and forgiving tempers, in which we desire and hope to die.

And now, O God, all powerful, take us this night under thy protection; preserve us from the powers of darkness, and from the dangers of the night; and by thy grace and providence, bring us at last, through all the trials and temptations of this world, to a blessed end, that we may die in peace, and rest in hope, and rise in glory, through Jesus Christ; in whose name, and according to the full meaning of that holy prayer which he hath taught us, we most humbly beg thee to hear us, for ourselves, and all mankind.

Our Father, &c.



FIFTH MORNING PRAYER.

LORD'S PRAYER EXPLAINED.

“ Our Father, who art in heaven.”

We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, not for ourselves only, but for all thy children, that we may all live worthy of the relation which we bear to thee; that we may not sin, knowing that we are accounted thine; nor wilfully offend so great, so good, so tender a father. But that we may love thee, and fear thee, not as slaves, but as children: That we may put our whole trust in thee, and depend upon thine infinite power, wisdom, goodness, and promise to take care of

us; that we may leave it to thee to choose what is best for us, and bear with patience and resignation all thy fatherly corrections. And that we may serve thee with comfort and pleasure all our days, in hopes of the inheritance which thou hast promised thy obedient children.

“Hallowed be thy name.”

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power, for thou hast created all things, and all thy works praise thee. Fill our hearts, O God, with a zeal for thy glory, that we may do thee honour, by leading holy lives, and by paying a great regard to every thing that belongs to thee, thy name, thy day, thy house, thine ordinances, and thy ministers: And that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father which is in heaven.

“Thy kingdom come.”

Enlarge thy kingdom, O God, and deliver the world from the dominion and tyranny of Satan, that the kingdoms of the earth may become the kingdoms of Jesus Christ. Hasten the time which thy spirit hath foretold, when all nations whom thou hast made shall worship thee, and glorify thy name. Bless the good endeavours of those that strive to propagate the gospel of thy kingdom, and prepare the hearts of all men to receive it. May all such as own thee for their king, become thy faithful subjects. Vouchsafe to reign in our hearts, and subdue

our wills entirely to thine, and prepare us by thy good spirit for the kingdom of glory.

“Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Dispose us and all thy children, O Lord and Father, to submit cheerfully to whatever thy providence shall order for us. Hearken not to the corrupt desire of our hearts; but to the voice of thine own wisdom, goodness, and mercy. Give us a true knowledge of our duty, and an heart disposed to close with thy will, whenever it shall be made known to us, and to perform it with pleasure. Subdue in us whatever is contrary to thy holy will, that through thy grace we may at last become perfect, as our heavenly pattern is.

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

We look up unto, and depend upon thee, O heavenly Father, for all the necessities and conveniencies of this present life; and may our bodily wants engage us to go daily to the throne of grace for the wants of our souls: Let thy blessings go along with our honest endeavours, and keep us from all unjust ways of bettering our condition. Give us grace to impart to such as are in want, of what thou shalt give us more than our daily bread, and with all thy other favours, give us we beseech thee, the blessing of a thankful and contented mind.

“And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Forgive us those sins, O heavenly Father, which separate us from thee. Forgive us every day of our lives, for every day we stand in need of pardon. Give us, and all Christians, a forgiving temper, that we may fulfil this condition of our pardon. Thou art good and merciful in forgiving us, grant that we may be so to others, remembering our own infirmities. And may we all live in the same charitable temper, in which we hope to die.

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

O God and Father, who hatest iniquity, and knowest our infirmities, leave us not to the malice and power of the evil one, the devil, to deal with us as he pleaseth; nor to ourselves, and to our own corrupt hearts and lusts, lest we rashly run into temptations: Keep us out of temptations, and under the protection of thy good spirit: Suffer us not to be surprised by them, nor tempted beyond what we are able to bear: Give us grace to resist them, and to watch and pray daily, that we enter not into temptation.

“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”

The whole creation is thine, and under thy government. Thine is the power: Thou canst do whatever we pray for. Thou canst cause thy name to be sanctified in all the earth, and set up thy kingdom in all the world, and in all our hearts. Thou canst cause thy will to be done

on earth as it is in heaven, and incline us to submit to it. Thou canst give us all things needful both for our souls and for our bodies. Thou, and thou alone, canst forgive us our sins, and dispose us to forgive one another. Thou canst secure us in the day of temptation, and deliver us from the power of the devil. To thee, to thee alone, be the glory, to all eternity.

FIFTH EVENING PRAYER.

THE LORD'S PRAYER PARAPHRASED.

“ Our Father who art in Heaven.”

WE thank thee and bless thee, O God, for permitting such sinful beings as we are to call thee Father. What manner of love is this, that we should be called the sons of God?

O our Father, we have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called thy children.

Look upon us, O Father, as poor, weak, ignorant and helpless children. Pity us according to thy goodness, even as a father pitieth his own children.

May we show by our lives that thou art our Father.

Grant that we may love thee with all our hearts and minds, and souls and strength.

“Hallowed be thy name.”

O that we may glorify thy name, by walking before thee in righteousness and true holiness all our days.

May the end of all our designs and actions, be thy glory, O God.

But Ah! how little have we done to promote thy glory!

God be merciful unto us. Glorify thine own name, O God, by saving such miserable sinners as we are, and ever have been, since we were born.

“Let thy Kingdom come.”

Do thou, O King of Saints, establish thy kingdom of grace in our hearts: may we be thy subjects out of choice, and ever yield thee willing obedience.

O that thy Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts; subdue in us all pride and covetousness, hatred, malice, lust and all uncleanness, and whatever shall offend thee.

May thy kingdom be set up in every heart.

Bless the pious endeavours of all those who strive to propagate the gospel of Christ; and may its saving truths be received in all the world.

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

As thy angels above do perfectly perform thy

will, so may we below, as far as the frailty of our nature will allow.

May thy will, revealed to us in thy holy word, be the rule of our will, of our desires, of our words and actions.

O heavenly Father, subdue in us whatever is contrary to thy holy will. Grant that we may ever study to know thy will, that we may know how to please thee.

Subdue in us that natural aversion which we have to do thy will, O God.

May we ever say with our hearts, not my will, but thine be done.

Should affliction come upon us, may we say it is the Lord, let him do what seemeth to him good.

Keep our minds in such a temper that we may ever close with thy will, whenever it is made known to us.

We adore thy goodness in making thy will known to us, and in showing us the way to everlasting life.

May we walk in this good way, and at last find rest to our souls.

“ Give us this day our daily bread.”

Daily, O God, do we have recourse unto thee, for on thee we depend for life and breath, and all things.

May we be content and thankful for our present condition, to which, as sinners, we have no right.

Having food and raiment, may we be content.

Thou, O Father, knowest what we stand in need of; give us those things which thou seest proper.

May we never use any unlawful ways of getting our daily bread.

Dispose our hearts to impart to such as are in want, of what thou hast given us more than our daily bread.

But especially do we pray thee, O Father, to give us that bread which nourisheth to eternal life.

Do thou daily nourish our souls with grace, as thou dost our bodies with food.

O may we seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, and then trust in thee that all other things will be added to us.

“And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

O that we may be kindly affectioned, one towards another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as thou, O Lord, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us.

May we remember thy goodness, thy patience, thy mercy towards us, and the multitude of our offences against thee, that we may from our hearts forgive all that have offended us.

Thou hast been all mercy to us, O God; grant that we may be so to all others.

And may we never expect vainly thy forgiveness, without first forgiving those who may have injured us.

But, O God, even the power to perform this condition, must be from thy grace; so weak and sinful are we, that we cannot attain unto it of ourselves. Enable us then by thy grace, freely from our hearts to forgive others, as we hope to be forgiven of thee.

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Thou, O Father, knowest our infirmities, and the power of our enemies; be not wanting to us in the hour of temptation.

Make us mindful of our weakness, that we may be more watchful and importunate for grace.

Fortify our souls against the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Let nothing provoke thee to leave us to ourselves.

In all our temptations, give us power to resist and overcome.

Deliver us from the wiles and artifices of Satan.

Deliver us, we pray thee, O God, from sin in this world, and misery in the next.

“For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.”

To thee, therefore, and to thee alone, do we apply for help. Into thy hands do we now commit ourselves. Do for us far more and better, than we are able to ask or think, and all the praise be thine forever and ever.

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FAMILY PRAYERS.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Most gracious God and Father: It is good for us to draw near to thee. O! do thou draw nigh unto us!

We bless thee for the return of this morning light. Let the day-spring from on high visit our souls, and the sun of righteousness arise with healing under his wings. The light we see is the Lord's. This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O that we may be in the spirit on the Lord's day : That this may be indeed the Sabbath of the Lord in our dwelling, and in our hearts ; a Sabbath of rest from sin, and of rest in God. Enable us, we pray thee, so to sanctify this day, that it may be made a means of our sanctification. Grant that, by resting from our worldly employments, our hearts may be more taken off from present things ; and that, by employing our time in the worship of God, we may be led into a more experimental acquaintance with the work of heaven, and be made more meet for that blessed world.

While on this day we remember the great work of creation as finished, we give glory to thee, O God the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth.

O thou who didst at first command the light to shine out of darkness, shine this day into our hearts, and give us more of the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ; and let us be thy workmanship, created anew in him unto good works.

With peculiar pleasure would we call to mind the resurrection of our exalted Redeemer from the dead, on the first day of the week, by which he was declared to be the Son of God with power, and is become the first fruits of them that slept. O that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may rise and walk in newness of life.

We bless thee that, when Jesus was glorified, the Holy Ghost was given to carry on his undertaking till his second coming, and that we have the promise that he shall abide with us for ever. We pray that the spirit of him that raised up Christ from the dead, may dwell and rule in us, to make us partakers of a new and divine nature.

We bless thee for thy holy word, which is a light to our feet and a lamp to our paths.

Especially we bless thee for the great gospel record, "that God hath given to us eternal life, and that this life is in his Son." O may we receive it as a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation. May we have an interest in the

mediation of thy Son; and grant that Christ may be made of God unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

We bless thee for the new covenant made with us in Jesus Christ. May we fly for refuge to it, and take hold of it, as the hope set before us. O receive us graciously into the bonds of the covenant, and make us accepted in the Beloved.

Grant that our hearts may this day be filled with pleasing thoughts of Christ, and that great love wherewith he hath loved us. For his sake forgive all our sins, in thought, word, and deed; and let our lusts be mortified, that they may not be as clogs to hinder the ascent of our souls heavenwards.

We pray thee to assist us in all the religious services of this thine own holy day. Go with us to the solemn assembly; for if thy presence go not with us, wherefore should we go thither? Help us to draw nigh to thee with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Meet us, O God, with a blessing. Grace thine own ordinances with that special presence of thine, which thou hast promised where two or three are met together in thy name. Help us against our manifold infirmities, and the sins that do most easily beset us in our attendance upon thee. Let thy word come with life and power upon our souls, and be as good seed sown in good soil, taking root and bringing forth fruit to thy praise. And let our prayers and praises be spiritual sacrifices, acceptable in thy sight through Jesus Christ.

We pray, O Lord, that thy presence may be in all Christian assemblies this day. Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; yea, let great grace be upon them all. Assist all the ministers of the gospel, that they may rightly divide the word of truth, and speak with plainness, fervour, and success. Bless thy servant on whose ministry we attend, and make him an instrument of much good to our souls.

In the chariot of the everlasting gospel may the great Redeemer ride forth triumphantly, conquering and to conquer, and let every thought be subdued into obedience unto him. May many be brought to believe the report of the gospel, and to many may the arm of the Lord be revealed. May sinners be converted to thee, and thy saints be built up in knowledge, faith, holiness and comfort, unto salvation.

Now the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing, for Christ Jesus' sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father, &c.



LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O, Eternal, ever-blessed, and glorious Lord God: Thou art over all, God blessed for ever; most wise and powerful, holy, just and good. Thou art happy without us, and needest not our

services; nor can our goodness extend unto thee; but without thee we are miserable; if thy goodness extend not unto us, we are forever undone. We therefore entreat thy favour with our whole heart. Thy loving kindness is better than life.

We bewail it before thee, that, by the depravity of our hearts, we are become odious to thine holiness, and utterly unfit to inherit the kingdom of God: and we confess that, by our many actual transgressions, we are become obnoxious to thy justice, and liable to thy wrath and curse.

But with thee, O God, there is mercy, and plenteous redemption. Blessed be thy name, thou hast graciously provided for all who truly repent and believe the gospel, that the guilt of their sins may be removed through the merit of thy Son's death, and the power of them broken by his Spirit. We rejoice in the assurance we have, that he is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto thee through him, seeing that he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Lord, we come to thee through this blessed mediator, earnestly desiring, by repentance and faith, to turn from the world and the flesh, unto thee as our God and Father in Jesus Christ, as our ruler and our portion.

We desire to have nothing more to do with sin; and pray as earnestly that the power of it may be subdued in us, as that the guilt of it may be removed from us. May the God of peace sanctify us wholly. Renew us in the spirit of our minds, and make us in every thing such as thou wouldst have us to be.

Mortify our pride, and clothe us with humility. Subdue our angry passions, and put on us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. Help us to crucify the flesh, with all its affections and lusts; to keep under our body, and bring it into subjection to the laws of reason and religion; that we may always possess our vessel in sanctification and honour.

Let the love of the world be rooted out of us, and that covetousness which is idolatry; and let the love of God in Christ be shed abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost. Mortify in us all envy and hatred, malice and uncharitableness; and engage us to love one another with a pure heart fervently, as becomes the followers of the blessed Jesus, who has given us this as his new commandment.

We pray thee to rectify all our mistakes. If in any thing of moment we be in an error, discover it to us, and let the Spirit of truth lead us into all truth. May we know the truth as it is in Jesus: the truth which is according to godliness. Give us that good understanding which they have that do thy commandments.

Convince us more effectually, we pray thee, of the vanity of the world, and its insufficiency to make us happy; of the vileness of sin, and its tendency to make us miserable; of the worth of our souls, and the awfulness of that everlasting state, on the borders of which we are standing; and make us serious and diligent in our preparation for it.

May we labour less for the meat which perisheth, and more for that which endureth to everlasting life. May we be governed by that faith which is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. May we use the world so as not to abuse it, knowing that the world, and the fashion of it, passeth away, and that we are passing away with it.

And prepare us, O Lord, we beseech thee, for whatever we may meet with between this and the grave. We know not what is before us, but thou knowest; and we desire cheerfully to leave ourselves in thy hands, who orderest all things well. We beg of thee to fit us, by thy grace, for all the services, and all the sufferings to which thou mayest call us. Arm us against every temptation, and help us at all times, and in all conditions, to glorify God, to keep a good conscience, and to be found in the way of our duty, that we may maintain our hope and joy in Christ, and have a bright believing prospect of eternal life.

[*Here bring in the intercession, when there is time for it,*
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Bless abundantly all the members of this family, and make us blessings to each other. Whether parents or children, masters or servants, old or young; help us faithfully to discharge the duties of our several stations, in an honourable, acceptable, and useful manner; and give us all a happy meeting at last in the house eternal in the heavens.

We bless thee, gracious God, for the continued comforts of life, and particularly for all the mercies of this thine own holy day. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! A day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Bless the word which we have this day heard, both to us and to all that attended upon it. Hear the prayers we have offered; accept our praises, and forgive whatever thy pure eye hath seen amiss in our performances.

Take us under thy protection this night, and enable us to close the day with thee, that we may lie down in peace, and our sleep may be sweet. Be with us through the ensuing week; enable us to carry into it something of this day's enjoyments; that we may be the better fitted for another Sabbath, if we shall live to see another; and grant that by all the means we enjoy on earth, we may be made meet for the everlasting Sabbath above, when time and days shall be no more.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God and our Saviour, be honour and glory, dominion and praise, henceforth and forever. Amen.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

WE humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to accomplish all that thou hast promised concerning thy church in the latter days. Let the earth be filled with thy glory. Let the ful-

ness of the Gentiles be brought in, and let all Israel be saved.

Propagate the gospel in all parts of our land. Let the enlargement of trade and commerce contribute to the enlargement of thy church. Let the kingdom of Christ, in all places, be erected upon the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Hasten the downfall of the man of sin, and let primitive Christianity, pure religion, and undefiled before God even the Father, be revived and made to flourish wherever the gospel is sent. Let the power of godliness prevail among all that have the form of it.

May the wars of the nations end in the peace of the church, and the convulsions and revolutions of states and kingdoms, issue in the advancement of the kingdom of God among men: that kingdom which cannot be moved.

Bless all the ministers of thy holy word. Make them burning and shining lights: faithful to Christ and the souls of men. Unite them and thy people together in truth and love. Pour out upon them a healing spirit; a spirit of charity, forbearance, and condescension. With one consent may they all study to promote the interest of our great Master, and the common salvation of precious souls.

Prosper, we pray thee, the trade of the nation; guard our coasts; disappoint the devices of our enemies; and preserve the public peace. Bless the fruits of the earth; continue our plenty: abundantly bless our provisions, and satisfy our poor with bread. Preserve the health of the

nation, and delight to dwell among us, and to do us good.

We pray for all our friends and relatives, that they may be the objects of thy providential care, and enriched with the blessings of thy heavenly grace. O that none of our friends may be enemies to God! Bless the rising generation, and let them be a seed to serve thee. Let thy work, O Lord, appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

Finally, we recommend to thy tender compassion, the sick and afflicted, the poor and needy, the tempted and disconsolate, the widows and fatherless. Be thou a present help unto them in every time of trouble. Do good to them that are good; to all the upright in heart.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.



MONDAY MORNING.

O LORD our God, we desire with all humility and reverence to adore thee, as a being infinitely blessed and glorious; who hast all perfection in and of thyself, and who art the fountain of all being, life and blessedness. It is an unspeakable privilege that we have liberty of access unto thee through Jesus Christ, and have leave to call thee our Father in him. O look

upon us now, and be merciful to us, as thou usest to be to those that love thy name. May we all account our daily worship of thee the most needful part of our daily business, and the most pleasant of our daily comforts.

Thou art the God of all the families of Israel: be thou the God of our family: And grant that, whatever others do, we and ours may always serve the Lord. And do thou cause thy blessing to rest upon our habitation, from day to day, and from year to year. Lord bless thou us, and we shall be blessed indeed.

We humbly thank thee for the mercies of the night past, and of this morning. We have laid us down and slept, and have awoke again, because thou hast sustained us. Thanks be to God, that no plague has come nigh our dwelling; but that we are spared to see the light, and enjoy the comforts of another day. It is of thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not; they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness.

We confess that we are guilty before thee. We have sinned and come short of thy glory.

We are greatly wanting in the duties of our particular relations.

We are cold and defective in our love to thee our God; weak in our desires towards thee; unsteady in our walking with thee; and often out of frame for thy service.

O Lord, forgive us all our sins, and be at peace with us, through him who died to make peace, and ever lives to make intercession.

To thy care, O our God, we commit ourselves this day: Compass us about with thy favour as with a shield; preserve our going out, and our coming in.

Lord, keep us from all evil; but especially from the evil of sin. Give us the rule over our own spirits. Let us not be provoked to wrath, or speak unadvisedly with our lips. Dispose us to live together in peace and holy love; and may the God of love and peace be with us.

Make us conscientious in all our dealings, as becomes those who see thine eye ever upon us: Arm us against every temptation; keep us in the way of duty; and preserve us in thy fear all the day long.

In every doubtful case let our way be made plain before us; and give us that wisdom which is profitable to direct. Let integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait on thee.

Prepare us for all the events of this day; for we know not what a day may bring forth: And make us to stand complete in thy whole will. May we be willing to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and follow Christ.

Lord, fit us for death, judgment, and eternity. Give us grace to live, every day, as those who know not but it may be our last.

Lord, plead thine own cause in the world. Build up thy church, and erect the throne of the Redeemer on the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Let the reformed churches be more reformed. Support and deliver those that suffer for right-

eousness sake. Do good to us in these states. Bless all in authority. Guide the public councils, and overrule all affairs for thine own glory. Let peace and truth prevail in our day, and be preserved to those that shall come after us.

Be gracious to all our relations, friends, and neighbours, according to their necessities. Supply the wants of all thy people. Dwell in the families of them that fear thee, and call upon thy name. Forgive our enemies, and give us a right and charitable spirit towards them and all men.

Visit, comfort, and relieve the afflicted. Succour the tempted; support the oppressed; and give joy to those that mourn in Zion. Deal with us and our family according to the tenor of the everlasting covenant, which is well ordered in all things and sure; which is all our salvation, and all our desire.

Now, blessed be God for all his gifts, both of nature and grace; for those that concern this life, and that which is to come; especially for Jesus Christ, the fountain and foundation of all.

Pardon our imperfections; accept our services; and grant us an answer of peace, for his sake who died for us and rose again; who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Most holy, blessed, and glorious God; whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve: Thou madest us, and not we ourselves; therefore we are not our own, but thine.

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice. Through thy good hand upon us, we have closed another day. After the various employments of it, we are come together this evening to mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of our God; whose mercy endureth for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation.

We praise thee for our bodily health and ease; for comfort in our relations, and places of abode; that thou hast not made the wilderness our habitation, nor the barren land our dwelling.

Above all, we bless thee for Jesus Christ, and for his mediation between God and man; for the covenant of grace made with us in him, and for the exceeding great and precious promises and privileges of it; for the throne of thy grace, and for the liberty of access to it, at all times, in the name of Jesus, and for the hope of eternal life through him.

We confess, O Lord, that we have sinned against thee, and still daily come short of thy

glory. O God, thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from thee.

Give us repentance for our sins of daily infirmity: Make us duly sensible of the evil and danger of them, and let the blood of Christ thy Son cleanse us from them. Grant that we may lie down this night at peace with God, and let our souls repose in thee as our rest.

We commit ourselves to thy care; may we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Refresh our bodies with rest; undisturbed with distrustful cares, or disquieting fears; but especially let our souls be refreshed with thy love, and the light of thy countenance; for thy benignity is better than life.

Restore us to another day in safety; prepare us for the duties and the events of it; and by all the supports and comforts of life let our bodies be fitted to assist our souls in thy service. And do thou enable us to glorify thee, both with our bodies and with our spirits which are thine.

As every day brings us nearer our end, Lord teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Prepare us for whatever is appointed for us in life. Do us good by all thy providences, whether comfortable or afflictive: Help us to accommodate ourselves to them, and by all bring us nearer to thyself, and fit us for the enjoyment of thee in a better world.

Lord, let our family be blessed in him in whom all the believing families of the earth are blessed. Give us health and prosperity, and all needful temporal blessings; but especially let our souls prosper and be in health. Let all that belong to us belong to Christ; that we who dwell together on earth, may be together for ever with the Lord.

May our native country be still the care of thy providence. Let glory dwell in our land, and upon all the glory let there be a defence. Rule in the hearts of our rulers, and make them public blessings. May those who are in places of public trust, be faithful to the public interest; and may those who bear the sword, be a terror to evil-doers, a protection and praise to such as do well.

Own thy ministers in their work: Give them skill, ability, and zeal, to help souls to heaven. May the rising generation be such as thou wilt own, and as shall do more and better service in their day than has been done in ours. Comfort and relieve all that are in poverty and affliction. Teach us to sympathise with them, and dispose us to do all we can for their relief.

And do thou for us abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, through Jesus Christ, the Lord our righteousness. To Him, with the Father and Eternal Spirit, be glory and praise now and for ever. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

GLORIOUS Jehovah! 'Thou hast thy being of thyself, and thy happiness in thyself alone. We have our being from thee, and our happiness is only in thee. It is therefore both our duty and our interest to look unto thee, to implore thy favour, and to give unto thee the glory due to thy name.

We confess we are utterly unworthy of the honour, and unable for the work, of communion with thee. But we come to thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is worthy, and depend upon the assistances of thy blessed Spirit to work all our work in us.

Thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works; and thou art continually doing us good, though we are evil and unthankful. We have rested and are refreshed, when many have been tossed to and fro till the dawning of the day. We have a safe and quiet habitation, while many are forced to wander and lie exposed. One day tells another, and one night certifies to another, that thou art good, and never failest those that seek thee, and trust in thee. We thankfully own thy goodness to us, and acknowledge ourselves to be less than the least of all the mercy and truth thou hast showed us.

Above all, we bless thee for the gifts of thy grace to lost and miserable sinners in and

through thy dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise thee that, having laid down his life to make atonement for sin, he rose again for our justification, that he might bring in an everlasting righteousness. We bless thee that our eyes see the light, and our ears hear the joyful sound of redemption by him, and of that life and immortality which are brought to light by the gospel. Glory be to God in the highest that there is on earth peace, and good will towards men.

O grant us wisdom and grace, that we may rightly understand the gospel, firmly believe it, and cheerfully obey it; that so we may be savingly interested in the blessings which it reveals.

Through him, who was made sin for us, though he knew no sin, let us sinners be accepted as righteous. And as Christ died for our sins, we pray that we may be dying daily to them. May we also experience in our souls the power and virtue of his resurrection: May we rise with him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; from the dust of this world to a holy, spiritual, divine, and heavenly life.

Help us to set our affections on things above, and not on things that are on earth. O that time, and the things of time, may be as nothing to us in comparison with eternity, and its infinite realities! Give us grace, we pray thee, to look up to the other world with such a holy concern and realizing faith, that we may look down upon this world with a holy contempt and indifference.

as those that must be here but a little while, and must exist in some unknown region forever.

Give us grace, we pray thee, to live a life of communion with thee, both in providences and ordinances, and a life of dependence upon thee; at all times trusting in thy power, providence, and promises, and pouring out our hearts before thee. Enable us also to live a life of devotedness to thee; and of complacency in thee. May we set the Lord always before us; aim at thy glory as our highest end; and make religion not only our chief business, but our highest pleasure.

We beseech thee preserve us in our integrity to our dying day. O may we never forsake or forget thee! but with purpose of heart may we cleave unto the Lord, and not count life itself dear to us, so that we may finish our course with honour and joy.

Let thy good providence order all the circumstances of our dying, so as may best befriend our comfortable removal hence; and while we are here, make us wiser and better every day; more weaned from this world, more willing to leave it, and more fit for another and better.

Bless us, O Lord, as a family, with every thing suited to our several circumstances. Give us all wisdom to know the duties of our several characters and stations, and make us faithful in the performance of them. Be gracious to all that are related to us, or connected with us. Pity and relieve the children of affliction, and be a present help to all thy people in every season

of distress. To thy providential care we commit ourselves and each other for the day ensuing. Preserve us from every danger, fortify us against every temptation, assist us in every duty, and graciously accept us in thy dear Son; to whom with the Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be glory and praise now and for ever. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O God, the infinite eternal Spirit; most perfect in power, wisdom and goodness; though mortal eyes cannot behold thee, nor any created understanding comprehend thee, thou art ever present with us, and seest the secrets of our hearts. All our sins, and all our wants, are known to thee: But thou wisely requirest our confessions, as the exercise of our repentance, and our petitions and thanksgivings, as the expressions of our desires, dependence and gratitude. We confess our unfitness for such converse with thee. O thou, whose mercy inviteth miserable sinners to come unto thee, by the new and living way; meet us not in thy justice, as a consuming fire, but accept us in thy righteous and beloved Son.

Thou, who art the creator of all things, didst make us in thine image, to know, love and serve thee. But sin hath corrupted all our powers,

and perverted them from the ends for which we were made.

We ought to have served thee with our whole hearts, and to have employed our time, our thoughts, our tongues, and all our powers, for thy glory and the good of men. But alas! we have often trifled in thy worship, and hypocritically served thee with our lips alone, and have taken thy dreadful name in vain. Our thoughts have been guilty of vanity, folly, and impurity; our tongues, of idle, wrathful, and injurious words. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves, nor sought each other's welfare, temporal or spiritual, with that zeal and affection which our relation to each other, and thy love to us required. We have unprofitably abused thy talents, and done but little good in the world, in comparison with what we might have done.

And though thy wonderful mercy hath given us a Redeemer, and in him such a remedy for our sins, as is the astonishment of men and angels, we have been chargeable with unbelief, and a stupid neglect of this great salvation.

But deal with us, O Lord, not according to our deserts, but according to our necessity, and thy great goodness. Where our sin hath abounded, let thy grace much more abound.

There is enough in the merit of thy Son's obedience and sacrifice to expiate our guilt, and justify penitent believers in thy sight. We would therefore encourage ourselves in the Lord our God, and cheerfully rely upon thy pardoning mercy.

And while in the exercise of faith, we earnestly implore the forgiveness of our past sins, we desire cheerfully to return to thee, in the way of our duty, and humbly give up ourselves to thee as our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Sanctifier; beseeching thee to receive us upon the terms of thy covenant of grace. Renew and sanctify us by thy Spirit. Take from us the heart of stone, and give us hearts of flesh. Impart to us a divine and heavenly nature, and transform us into the image of thy holiness. Enable us to devote ourselves, and all that thou givest us, entirely to thee as thine own. Bring all the powers of our souls and bodies into a full subjection to thy government.

Shed abroad thy love in our hearts, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Show us more of thine infinite goodness and perfections, and the wonderful mercy which thou hast given us in Christ; and let the beams of thy love so fire our breasts, that we may love thee with all our hearts and souls, with all our mind and strength; and may taste the beginning of the felicity of heaven; where we shall love thee more than we can now desire or conceive.

Give us more of the spirit of adoption; possess us with all childlike affections towards thee as our reconciled God and Father in Christ. Teach us to make thee our ultimate end, and to seek thy glory in all we do. And let thy exceeding love and mercy to us, engage us to love one another; to love all mankind; and even our

enemies themselves. May we ever be ready to pardon the injuries we may receive, and to do good to all, to the utmost of our power.

Keep us, we beseech thee, from every thing in our words and actions by which we should dishonour thy name, and grieve thy Spirit. Quicken and animate us in every duty, whether personal, relative, or divine. And help us to spend this transitory life in a diligent preparation for death and eternity. Let our hearts and our conversation be in heaven. Be with us through all the changing scenes of life; and O forsake us not in our last extremity, but give us hope in a dying hour, and take our departing spirits to be with Christ.

Set up thy glory, O Lord, above the heavens, and let thy name be sanctified in all the earth. Convert the heathen and infidel world to the faith of thy Son. Give wise and upright rulers to the nations; and let the gospel of Jesus go forth as the sun, to enlighten the whole world. Reform the churches which are dark and corrupt. Cast down that tyranny and ungodliness which keep out knowledge, holiness, and peace. Preserve and bless the reformed churches, especially in these United States. Make our rulers faithful to their trust, that they may seek the true prosperity of their country. Teach thou our teachers. Give all thy churches able and faithful pastors, and abundantly succeed their labours, that their hearers may be fruitful in knowledge and holiness, peace and charity.

Bless all the members of this family, together with all that are near and dear to us, both in body and soul; and help us to serve each other in love. We thankfully acknowledge thy fatherly goodness manifested to us this day. Be pleased to continue it through the night watches. Give us such rest of body and mind as may fit us for the duties of the day ensuing. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Mediator. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

In the method of the LORD'S PRAYER.

Most glorious God, and most merciful *Father*; thou dwellest in the highest *heaven*, but hast manifested thy glory through all the earth. With filial reverence and delight would we celebrate thy perfections. Thou art power, wisdom, and goodness itself; the creator of all things; the owner, the ruler, and the benefactor of the world; but especially of thy church and people. We adore thee that though, by sin, we thy children were become thine enemies; slaves to Satan and the world; and had exposed ourselves to the condemnation of thy law; thou in thy paternal love hast interposed to redeem us to thyself by Jesus Christ thy Son, and to regenerate us by

thy Holy Spirit. We bless thee that thou givest us leave to call thee our reconciled *Father*, and to entertain the hope of an immortal inheritance in thy heavenly kingdom. O with what wondrous love hast thou loved us, that we who had been rebels should be called and made the sons of God.

Thou hast advanced us to this dignity that we might be wholly devoted to thee, as thine own; that we might love thee with all our hearts, delightfully obey thee, and ever live to thy glory. Cause us and all the world to *hallow*, reverence and sanctify *thy* great *name*. O may we live to thee as our ultimate end; and may thy shining image on our souls glorify thy divine perfections.

Cause all the kingdoms of the earth to cast off the tyranny of Satan and of sin; to acknowledge thy supreme authority; and to become the kingdoms of the Lord and his Christ. And O do thou perfect *thy kingdom* of grace in our souls, by engaging us to a more willing and absolute subjection to thy government: and we beseech thee to hasten *thy kingdom* of glory.

We pray that neither we, nor others, may be governed by the will of the flesh, or of man; by erroneous imaginations, or by that self-will which is the idol of the wicked; but by the good and acceptable and perfect *will* of God, which thou hast revealed in thy word. Make known thy word of truth and righteousness to all the world, and cause men to understand, believe, and obey the gospel of salvation; so that the *earth*, which

is now too much like hell, may in holiness, peace, and love, be made to resemble *heaven*.

We pray that thou, who art the God of our lives, and the author of all our outward comforts, will be pleased to maintain the life which thou hast given us here, till the work of life be finished. Grant us, we pray thee, such health of mind and body, such protection, and such supplies, as shall best fit us for our duty. *Give us this day*, and every day, *our daily bread*, and make us content therewith. Help us to acknowledge thy providence in our diligent labours; to serve thee faithfully with all that thou givest us; and to labour above all things for the meat which endureth to everlasting life.

We beseech thee of thy mercy, through the sacrifice and propitiation of thy beloved Son; *forgive us all our sins and trespasses*; all our omissions of duty, and commissions of what thou hast forbidden; our sins of heart, of word, and of deed. Spare us, good Lord, and grant us repentance unto life. Take not away thine Holy Spirit from us, nor deny us his assistance and holy operations. Seal to us the pardon of our sins; lift up upon us the light of thy countenance, and grant us the joys of thy salvation.

And let thy love and mercy to us fill us, not only with love and thankfulness to thee, but with love and mercy to our brethren, and even our enemies; that we may heartily *forgive them*, as (through thy grace) we hope we do.

For the time to come, suffer us not wilfully

to cast ourselves *into temptation*, but enable us carefully to avoid it, and resolutely to resist and conquer the temptations we cannot avoid. Let us not be assaulted by Satan or the world, or tried by thy judgments, above the strength which thy grace shall give us. And O do thou mortify those inward lusts which are our constant and most dangerous enemies.

Deliver us from a fearless confidence in our own strength, and let us not dally with the snare, nor taste the bait, but cause us to fear and depart *from evil*; lest, before we are aware, we be entangled and overcome, to the wounding of our consciences with guilt, and with the dread of thy wrath. Especially save us from error and unbelief, from pride and hypocrisy, from sensuality and hardness of heart. Deliver us from the malice of Satan, and wicked men, and from all the evils which sin brings along with it.

While we earnestly crave all this from thee, we humbly tender our praises, and our future service to thee. Thou art the king of all the earth: *thy kingdom* is everlasting: wise and just and merciful is thy government. *Thine is the power*, both to punish thine enemies, and to assist and recompense them that love and serve thee: *and to thee is the glory* due for all that they are, and do, and enjoy: we pray that thou mayest be glorified in and by us. The whole creation proclaimeth thy praise; but in heaven only art thou served in perfection, where the blessed see thy glory. O that we may at length

arrive there, and with the innumerable company of saints and angels admire, adore, love, and serve thee for ever, who wast, and art, and art to come! Of thee, and through thee, and to thee, are all things, to whom be *glory*, by Christ Jesus, *for ever*. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

GLORIOUS Jehovah! While angels and perfected spirits are praising thee in the presence of thy glory, thou hast allowed and commanded us to take our part in the presence of thy grace. We have the same most holy God to praise; and though we see thee not, our faith discerneth thee in thy works and word. And, blessed be thy name, though as sinners we are unworthy, and our best services are polluted, yet we have a great High-priest, who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners; who appears for us before thy throne, with the merits of his spotless life and sacrifice. In his name would we now approach thy presence, with hope and confidence. Accept our persons and services through this blessed Mediator.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who

* N. B. When brevity is required, this prayer may be begun here. This may be used occasionally, as it was originally intended for LORD'S DAY MORNING.

wast, and art, and art to come. Thou art eternal, without beginning or end: immense, without measure or bounds: the infinite Spirit, the Lord and Life of the creation: most powerful, wise, and good. All thy works declare thy praise: thy glorious perfections appear in them all; for thy glory and pleasure they were all created. The heavens, and all the hosts thereof, the sun, the moon, and the stars of light; the earth, and all that dwell therein, with all its beauteous ornaments; the air, and all that breathe in it; the great deeps, and all that inhabit them; all are the preachers of thy perfections, and all show forth the great Creator's glory.

We glorify thee as our creator and sovereign. We are thine own, and our entire obedience is thy due. Just are all thy laws and judgments, true and sure is thy word, and it is our duty and our happiness, in all things, to be subject to thy will.

We acknowledge thee as our great benefactor, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. All we are, all we have, all we can do, is wholly from thee, and all is for thee. Thou art our highest end; to love thee is our first duty, and our only felicity, for thou art infinitely amiable: thou art love itself.

We adore thee as our great Redeemer and Saviour. When man by sin turned away his heart from thee, and became an idol to himself, blessed be thy name, thou didst not treat him according to his desert: when we forsook thee, we

were not utterly forsaken by thee: when by sin we were become thine enemies, and had exposed ourselves to the curse of thy law, thy mercy gave the promise of a Redeemer, whom in the fulness of time thou didst send, to assume our nature; who fulfilled thy law, who suffered for our sins, who conquered death, rose again, ascended to heaven, and is there our glorified head and intercessor. Him hast thou exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and remission of sins. In him thou hast given pardon, reconciliation, and adoption, by a covenant of grace, unto every penitent believer. Of enemies and the heirs of death, thou hast made us sons and heirs of life.

Our souls have now a refuge from the wrath to come. Satan, the world, and death, are vanquished. Our Lord is risen, and we have the hope of rising with him. He is ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God. O may we ere long ascend to our glorified head, and be with him where he is, to behold his glory! To his hands may we be enabled cheerfully to commit our departing spirits, saying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

We praise thee for the Spirit of life, which thou hast sent to communicate light, and life, and love, to our dark, dead, and disaffected souls. May that Spirit be imparted to us, and may we thereby be sealed to the day of redemption. May we remember that we are created,

redeemed and sanctified, for thy love, and praise, and service. O let these be the delight of our souls, and the employment of our lives. Strengthen, O God, we beseech thee, thy weak and languid graces in our hearts, that our love may be more ardent, our praise more affectionate, and our obedience more complete. Fain would we be more like those blessed spirits above, whose love is unmixed with fear, whose praise is without languor, and whose obedience is perfect.

We lament that our faith is so weak; that we have so little taste and feeling of thy love; that we are so pressed down with this load of sin, and so imprisoned by the remainder of our carnal affections. O let us not rest in this state: Lord, increase our faith. Shed abroad thy love in our hearts. Mortify our unbelief, our pride, our sensuality, and all those sins which interrupt us in the service and enjoyment of thee. Make us more holy and heavenly: bring us nearer to thyself by faith and love now, that we may be more meet for that world, where the harmony of universal love and praise shall never be interrupted by sins or griefs, fears or discord, but shall be everlastingly perfect, to our joy, and to thy glory.

Vouchsafe more of thy Spirit, O Lord, to all thy churches and servants in the world. Provide and send forth the messengers of thy grace through all the earth. Let thy holy word and worship continue in these American states, so long as the world endureth. Let all our con-

gregations have burning and shining lights, that the people may not perish for lack of knowledge; and do thou open men's hearts to receive thy word, and cause them to know the day of their visitation. Bless all in authority, with that wisdom and righteousness which are needful to the common safety, peace and welfare. Be merciful to those who are in affliction, want or danger of every kind, and appear for them according to thy goodness and their necessity. All which we ask through our glorified Mediator, Jesus Christ the righteous, unto whom as the Lamb that was slain, and the great Lord and head of his church, be ascribed glory everlasting. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY, all-seeing, and most gracious God; who hast created us and all things for thy glory; we sinful worms of the earth, encouraged by thine own command and promise, and by the mediation of thine own Son, do humbly cast ourselves down before thee, to acknowledge thy mercies, to confess our sins, to supplicate thy favour, and to tender thee our service.

We thank thee that thou hast made us reasonable creatures. O form our souls to know and love and serve thee on earth, and to enjoy

everlasting happiness in thy glory above. We bless thee that we, who were conceived in sin, and who, in our fleshly state, were enemies to thee by wicked works, were not left, like the fallen angels, to helpless despair; but that we have an all-sufficient Saviour given us, by thy love, who hath redeemed us by his blood, and conferred a free pardon and title to life, in his covenant of grace, upon all that heartily accept him as their Lord and Saviour.

We praise thee for his blessed gospel, for his spotless example, and for his Holy Spirit, promised to all true believers. We thank thee for our birth and education, our health and friends, our peace and liberty, and for all the comforts of this life. We thank thee for our public instructions, and private helps, for the comfort of thy worship, and all the means of salvation. But especially we praise thee, if thou hast blessed any of them for our good. Adored be thy name, that thou didst not give us over to the blindness of our own minds, the hardness of our hearts, and the dominion of our fleshly wills and desires.

We cannot think of thy love to us without calling to mind our unworthiness and ingratitude. Our depraved nature was the fruitful source of manifold iniquities in our lives. Our childhood and youth were spent too much in folly and sensuality. How long did we forget our God, our souls, and our everlasting state! How long did we live in ignorance and unbelief,

following divers lusts and vanities, and resisting thy blessed Spirit, which moved us to repent and turn to thee!

O Lord, enter not into judgment with us. Forgive us, we beseech thee, for his sake who is the propitiation for our sins. Charge not upon us the sins of our hearts or of our lives; of our youthful days, or our riper years; our sins of omission or commission. Wash us in the blood, and accept us through the merits, of our blessed Redeemer.

Let our hearts be sincere in consenting to his covenant; and by a lively faith may we be one with him our living head. Let us receive the continual communications of his enlightening, quickening, and sanctifying Spirit, without which our souls are dark, dead, and polluted. O give us this Spirit to dwell in us, to fill our hearts with holy *life*; to form us to a new and holy nature; that we may die unto sin, and live unto thee. Give us thy Spirit to fill us with holy *light*; that we may know thee in Christ, may understand thy word, and believe thy truth. Give us thy Spirit to fill us with holy *love*; that our whole desire may be to thee, and our whole delight in thee. Regulate our thoughts, words, and actions, by thy word; and govern our appetites, and passions, by thy grace, that they may not hinder but further us in thy service.

Deliver us, O God, from a selfish temper, and teach us to love our neighbour as ourselves, to wrong no man in thought, word, or deed; but

to do all the good we can to others, both for their bodies and souls. Save us from the diabolical sin of pride, and all the fruits of it. Make us humble and lowly in our own eyes, and patient if we are vile in the eyes of others. Teach us to loathe ourselves for our past sins, and make us watchful against temptations to them for the future. Especially save us from those heart distempers which are most powerful in us, and which we are most prone to indulge and overlook. Favour us with such helps as we most need, and bless them to us for our good.

Teach us to behave aright in our several stations, whether as superiors, inferiors, or equals, that we may have comfort, and be useful in them. Mercifully dispose of our persons, our friends, and all our affairs, for the best. Protect and provide for our bodies: make us contented with our daily bread, and patient if we should suffer want.

Be merciful, O God, to all the afflicted. Give such seasonable deliverance to the sick, the oppressed, and broken hearted, as shall be most for their good, for that of others, and for thy glory. Continue thy gospel to thy churches. Furnish them with skilful, holy, and diligent pastors, and bless the labours of such, to the increase of holiness, love and peace. Bless all in authority. Teach them to govern, and us to obey, as the subjects of the King of kings. Deliver deceived and oppressed nations, especially those professing Christianity, from tyranny and

error. Subdue the powers that rebel against thee, and let the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of Christ. Open a way for the gospel to them; send them teachers fitted for so great a work, and crown their labours with success; that thus thy name may be hallowed, thy kingdom may come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ETERNAL and incomprehensible God, who dwellest in light which no man can approach, where thousands of thousands minister unto thee; we adore thee that thou also dwellest on earth, with the humble and contrite, and hast consecrated for us a new and living way, that with boldness we may enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, and hast bid us to seek thee while thou mayest be found.

We are here come unto thee at thy call, to worship at thy footstool: behold us in thy tender mercies, and let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou, O God, art holy, and hatest the workers of iniquity. Thou hast appointed death as the wages of sin; but to exalt thy mercy, thou

hast sent thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and hast promised forgiveness of sins, through his blood, to all that believe in him, and by true repentance return unto thee.

Lord, we confess that we are vile and miserable sinners. We have all gone astray from thee, every one in his own way. Instead of living wholly to thy glory, and obeying thy will in all things, we have sought to please ourselves, minding the things of the flesh, and making provision for the lusts thereof. Lord, our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us. We are not worthy to be called thy children, but have deserved thy wrath. In sinning against thee, we have sinned against our own souls: To us belongeth confusion of face, but unto thee belongeth mercy and forgiveness.

Have mercy upon us, O God, pardon our iniquities, and heal all our diseases. Wash us in the blood of the Lamb, which taketh away the sins of the world, and accept us through him.

Grant us repentance unto life. Cause us to loathe ourselves for our sins, and give us those broken and contrite spirits which thou wilt not despise. Enlighten our understandings, to know the wonderful things of thy law, and the riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ. Put thy fear and thy love in our hearts, that we may never depart from thee.

Teach us to live by faith, and thus to live above the world, while we are in it, and to use

the world as not abusing it. Let us not pass the rest of our time after the lusts of men, but after the will of God; striving to enter in at the straight gate, doing the work of him that sent us. Help us to walk circumspectly and without offence, redeeming the time, because the days are few and evil.

Make us zealous of good works, in patience possessing our souls; taking up our cross, and following Christ Jesus our Lord, that having suffered with him, we may be also glorified with him. Though tempted, may we overcome in his strength, and at last may we receive that crown of life which he has promised to all them that are faithful unto death.

As the world, O God, was created for thy glory, let thy name be glorified in all the earth. Let atheists, idolaters and infidels, be converted to thee. Unite all Christians in Jesus Christ, the only true and universal head, in faith and love. O cast out errors and corruptions, heal divisions, and restrain the spirit of pride, persecution, and cruelty, among all that profess thy name.

By thee kings reign and princes decree justice, and thou rulest in all the kingdoms of the earth. By thy gracious hand, O Lord, rule and protect us. Bless our president and governors: grant them the spirit of wisdom and counsel, of holiness and the fear of the Lord: endue them with thine Holy Spirit, enrich them with thine heavenly grace, and make them blessings in

their generations. Grant unto the great council of the nation, the judges, and all the magistrates of the land, that wisdom which is from above, that they may rule in thy fear, and judge righteously.

Give all the churches able, holy and faithful pastors, who may honestly and diligently preach thy word, and guide thy flock in the way of truth, holiness and peace. Bless our land with the fruits of the earth in their season. Preserve us from sickness, from the mischievous contrivances of the wicked, from civil discord, and every other evil. Show pity to the afflicted, and sanctify thy fatherly chastisements. Be a friend to all our friends, and help them and us to perform all the mutual offices of friendship. May all the members of our family be members of Christ, and finally dwell together in thy heavenly kingdom.

Accept, O most gracious God, our thanksgivings for thy unspeakable love and mercy to us, and all the race of mankind; especially for that unsearchable mystery of love, which the angels desire to look into, the gift of thy beloved Son, for our redemption and salvation. We thank thee for the new covenant established in his blood: for the exceeding great and precious promises of thy gospel: for the revelation of thy will and our duty: for the assistance of thy ministers, and the influences of thy Spirit. O let us give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

We particularly bless thee for that goodness which has protected us, and provided for us the past day. O give us such a deep sense of thy manifold mercies, as shall awaken our gratitude, constrain us to better obedience, and encourage our constant trust in thy providence and grace. May goodness and mercy still follow us all our days. We commit ourselves afresh to thee, and beg thy care over us through the watches of this night, that no evil may come nigh our persons or our dwelling. Hear, O Lord, we beseech thee, these our prayers and praises, through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

BLESSED and glorious God, thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; the Father of mercies, and the God of all grace. We are not worthy of the least of all thy blessings; and yet how large a share have we had of them! Open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

We are thy creatures, O Lord, whose hands have made and fashioned us; thou art the Fa-

ther of our spirits, and our bodies are thy workmanship.

We bless thee that thou hast made us after thine own image, but a little lower than the angels, and crowned us with glory and honour: that thou hast taught us more than the beasts of the field, and made us wiser than the fowls of the air. Help us to worship and serve thee the Lord our maker. May all those powers, by which thou hast distinguished us from the rest of thy creatures, be devoted to thy service, and employed for thine honour.

We bless thee for thy tender care of us in the helpless state of infancy, and for the constant attendance of thy providence ever since. Thou hast fed us all our life long, and redeemed us from evil. We bless thee for preservation or recovery from sickness, and for deliverance from the many dangers to which we have been exposed. Thou hast, in love to our souls, saved us from the pit of corruption; thou hast delivered our eyes from tears, our feet from falling, and our souls from death. O may thy goodness lead us to repentance, and may we walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

We praise thee that we were born in a land enjoying the gospel, and not in the region of the shadow of death: neither among Pagans, who have not the Bible, nor Papists, who are forbid the use of it. Thou hast showed unto us thy word and thy statutes, thy grace and covenant; thou hast not dealt so with many

other nations. We bless thee for the gospel itself, and for thy Son, the Redeemer of lost sinners, therein revealed. May his name be unto us as ointment poured forth. Blessed be God, who hath so loved the world as to send his only begotten Son into it, that the world through him might be saved.

We bless thee for thy Spirit which thou hast sent to abide with thy church for ever, to convince of sin, to sanctify the heart, and to dwell in the souls of believers. O may that blessed Spirit take up his abode in our souls, to enlighten, to quicken, to sanctify, and to comfort us! We bless thee for the appointment of a gospel ministry in the church, as the means of converting sinners, and edifying the body of Christ; and for the opportunities we have enjoyed for attending the ordinances of the gospel. Lord teach us to profit by them, and make thy word the savour of life unto life to our souls.

We would be particularly thankful that we were born of pious parents, or have been cast in the families of those professing the gospel, who were concerned to bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We bless thee for their repeated instructions, faithful admonitions, seasonable corrections, holy examples, and affectionate prayers. O our God, grant that all may not be in vain, and that we may not be, after all, cumberers of thy ground. Water all these means with thine heavenly in-

fluence, and make us fruitful in every good word and work.

Make us more thankful for all thy mercies, and help us not only to speak, but to live thy praise. We lament our past ingratitude. What unsuitable returns have we made for that goodness of thine which has followed us all our days! We earnestly implore thy pardoning mercy, through the great Mediator, and would as earnestly entreat thy quickening influence, that we may love thee more and serve thee better. O grant us the continued supplies of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may give all diligence to add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. May these things not only be in us, but abound, that we may not be unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Help us to put on the whole armour of God, that we may stand against the wiles of the devil, and withstand in the evil day. Keep us from the evil of the world, and give us that faith which will overcome it. Teach us our duty in all parts, and make us complete in all the will of God. Help us to walk in all the statutes and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Help us duly to consider our latter end, and diligently to prepare for death and eternity. Let us not presume upon long life, or talk of goods laid up for many years, since we know not how soon our souls may be required of us. Lord teach us so to number our days as to ap-

ply our hearts unto wisdom. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might, since there is no work, nor knowledge, nor device in the grave, whither we are going.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? our hope is in thee. Let thine ears be open unto the supplications of thy servants. Accept our acknowledgments for the mercy of the night past. Take care of us through this day. Fit us for the duties and the trials of every day, and O prepare us for our last. All which we beg in the name, and through the mediation, of the Lord Jesus, who has taught us to pray after this manner:

Our Father, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.

O THOU, whose name alone is Jehovah, thou art the Most High God over all the earth. Thy greatness is unsearchable, thy understanding is infinite, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. From everlasting to everlasting thou art God, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Thou, O Lord, fillest heaven and earth with thy presence. Thou searchest the heart, and triest the reins of the

children of men. Thou knowest our down-sitting and up-rising, and art acquainted with all our ways. Yea, all things are naked and open to the eyes of that God with whom we have to do.

Lord help us to consider this when we approach unto thee, and do thou suitably impress our minds therewith. Fill our souls with awe and reverence of thy majesty, and with trust and confidence in thee. Inspire our hearts with devout affections, and help us to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

We are now come to seek thy favour, and implore thy blessing. Look down upon us in mercy. Let thy Spirit help our infirmities. Give ear unto our voice, O Lord, and consider our meditation.

We confess that we are utterly unworthy of thy favour. Lord, we are vile, what shall we answer thee? The imagination of our hearts has been evil from our youth. How early did pride, anger, envy, revenge, self-will, and other unruly appetites, appear in our lives. O remember not the sins of our youth, nor our later transgressions; for we must confess our guilt has increased with our years. We have walked too much after the way of our own hearts, and in the sight of our eyes.

These our iniquities are highly aggravated, as they are committed against light and conviction, against promises, vows, and manifold experience, against great grace and love. Lord,

we abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou us from secret faults. Grant us the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered, unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. We have no merit to plead, but cast ourselves upon thy sovereign mercy in the Redeemer. Thou hast declared thy name, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. Let us experience the bounty and compassion of thy nature. We plead the blood of atonement. We have sinned, but Christ has died. O justify us freely by thy grace through the redemption that is in him.

And O do thou heal and sanctify our sinful nature. Help us to put off the old man which is corrupt, and to put on the new man, which after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Enlighten our minds, and grant us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law, and be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all spiritual understanding. Give us faithful consciences, that shall smite us when we do evil, and teach us to submit to their reproof. Subdue our wills, cast down lofty imaginations, and bring every thought in subjection to Christ. Help us to set our affections on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and grant that our whole spirit, soul, and body, may be preserved blameless until the coming of Christ.

As thou requirest that prayers and thanksgiving be made for all men, we would remember the cases of others before thee. Shower down, O Lord, thy blessings upon the inhabitants of the world. Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Be favourable to our native land. Let thy providence be our defence, and thy presence our glory.

Bless the ministers of thy word. Make them faithful and successful. Clothe them with salvation, that thy saints may shout aloud for joy. Be with those especially under whose ministry we are placed. Enable them to speak the things that become sound doctrine: help us to profit by their endeavours, and grant that we may be their joy and crown in the presence of Christ at his coming.

May thy blessing rest on this family, and thy light shine on our tabernacle. May the heads of the family be zealous in their endeavours for the good of those committed to their care. May the children of the family be their rejoicing, by walking in thy truth. Help them to flee youthful lusts, and to remember thee their Creator.

Bless all our relations, friends, and acquaintance, with all good things, and especially with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Gracious-

ly pity the afflicted, succour the tempted, provide for the poor, and be a present help to all in the time of trouble.

We bless thee for the mercies of this day, that no evil has befallen us in it. Pardon the sins of it, in our thoughts, words, and actions. Take us under thy protection this night, and in the morning cause us again to hear the voice of health and gladness. We ask all in the name of Jesus, our adorable mediator and advocate. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD our God, unto thee would we lift up our souls. Quicken us to call upon thy name. Assist us by thy Spirit in our access to thy mercy-seat, and raise our hearts to thyself. Teach us to approach thee as becometh creatures, and do thou draw nigh unto us as a God of grace.

Thou art God, and there is none else; thy name alone is Jehovah. All nations before thee are as nothing, and they are accounted in thy sight less than nothing and vanity. Thou art the blessed and only potentate, King of kings and Lord of lords. All things are naked and open before thine eyes. Thou searchest the heart of

man, but how unsearchable is thine understanding! Thy power is infinite. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Thou art slow to anger, abundant in goodness, thy mercy is everlasting, and thy truth endureth to all generations.

As thou art glorious in thyself, so by thy works thou hast manifested thy glory to us. Thou, Lord, hast made the heavens and the earth. The whole creation is the work of thine hands. Thou rulest among the armies of heaven, and doest what thou pleasest among the inhabitants of the earth. Thy works of nature and providence are full of wonder, but especially thy works of grace and redemption by Jesus Christ. While we give glory unto thee, we would humble ourselves in thy presence. Our being is but of yesterday, and our foundation is in the dust. We are not only mean in our original, but we are guilty and depraved. We confess before thee the iniquities of our thoughts, of our lips, and of our lives; our sins of omission and of commission; the sins of our childhood, and of our riper years; our sins against the law and against the gospel.

We are ashamed and blush to lift up our faces before thee our God, for our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespasses have reached up to the heavens. We will lay our hands upon our mouth, and our mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.

Gracious God, we humbly beseech thee to

take away the guilt of our sins, through the atonement of thy Son; justify our persons through his righteousness, and subdue the power of our iniquities by thy Spirit. Deliver us from the natural darkness of our minds, from the corruption of our hearts, and the perverse tendency of our appetites and passions. May thy Spirit discover to us the evil and danger of sin, enlighten our minds in the knowledge of God in Jesus Christ, and sanctify all the powers of our nature. Form our hearts according to thy will, and after the image of thy Son. Be thou our light and our strength, and quicken us in the paths of holy obedience. Fortify us against the temptations, and free us from the snares which daily attend us. While we are in this life we are in continual danger; let the watchful eye of our God be upon us for our defence. Save us from the power of our enemies in this world, and from the punishment due to our sins in the world to come.

Preserve the gospel among us, and let all the means of grace be continued to us, and be made serviceable for the great ends of their appointment. Let all thy providences be sanctified to us. May thy mercies, as cords of love, draw us nearer to thyself; and let the strokes of thine afflicting hand wean us from sin, mortify us to this world, and make us ready for our departure hence, whensoever thou art pleased to call us. Guide us by thy counsels, and secure us by thy grace in all our travels through this dangerous

wilderness, and at last give us the victory over death, and a triumphant entrance into the kingdom of thy glory.

While we are here in the body, give us such things as are necessary to support our lives, and to make them easy and comfortable to us. Let our health, our strength, and our peace be maintained, and let holiness to the Lord be inscribed upon them all, that whatever we receive from thine hands may be improved to thine honour and our truest advantage.

We pray thee to enlarge the borders of thy Son's kingdom: spread the gospel among the heathen, and make the name of Christ glorious from the rising to the setting sun. Call in the remainder of thine ancient people the Jews, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into thy church. Pour down a more abundant measure of thy Spirit to carry on thy own work upon earth. May his influence be diffused in plentiful degrees upon churches, upon ministers, upon families, and upon all the saints. Deliver those who suffer from persecuting powers: restrain the wrath of man, and cause it to praise thee.

We pray for the nation to which we belong, that liberty and peace may be established and flourish in it. Bless our governors, supreme and subordinate, with wisdom and faithfulness, to manage the affairs thou hast entrusted them with. We pray for our friends and relatives, that thou wouldst deliver them from all the evils

they feel or fear, and bestow upon them all the good we wish for ourselves, here or hereafter.

We give thee humble and hearty thanks for all thy mercies vouchsafed to mankind in general, and to ourselves in particular, especially for the safety and refreshment of the past night. May the same good providence defend us through the hours of this day, and may thy grace assist us in all the duties of it. Hear and answer us, pardon, accept, and bless us, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, through whom, by one Spirit, be ascribed to the only living and true God, everlasting praises. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Most high and most holy God; we who art but dust and ashes, take upon us to speak to thy sacred majesty. Pardon our unworthiness and help our infirmities. Hearken to the voice of our cry, O our King and our God, unto whom we will pray.

We adore thee as the first and the last, the greatest and the best of beings; the only true and living God, whose glorious name is exalted above all blessing and praise. We adore thee as the creator and governor of the universe, and the bountiful benefactor of all thy creatures.

With gratitude and joy we acknowledge thy relation to us, as our Creator, our Redeemer, our King, our Almighty Friend, our reconciled God and Father in Jesus Christ.

We praise thee, O Lord, for thine original designs of love to fallen man; that thou shouldst make such a distinction between us and the angels that sinned. Lord, what is man that thou shouldst so concern thyself about his salvation. Blessed, for ever blessed be thy name, that though fallen angels were suffered to perish without a Saviour, thou didst choose any of the race of Adam unto salvation; that before all worlds thou didst enter into a covenant of grace with thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and give them into his hands, that their happiness might be secured. We bless thee that thou didst reveal this mercy, in various types and promises, to our fathers by the prophets, and that in thine own appointed time thou didst send thy Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to redeem us by his death. We give glory to thy justice and thy grace for this work of terror and compassion; in reconciling sinners to thyself by the sufferings of thine only begotten and well-beloved Son.

We praise thee for the gospel which thou hast published to the world; the gospel of pardon and of peace: that thou hast confirmed it by such abundant testimonies, to raise and establish our faith. We give glory to that power of thine which has guarded thy gospel in all ages: and through all the oppositions of its enemies, in

earth and hell, has delivered it down to us, and proclaimed its glad tidings in our age and nation.

We bless thee that we were born in such a land of light as this, in which thou hast built habitations for thyself, wherein we have enjoyed the privilege of attending thy solemn worship, of beholding thy glory and thy grace, and of being instructed in the way of salvation.

Thanks to thy goodness for the preservation of our lives, amidst all the dangers that have threatened us; that thou didst not cut us off in a state of nature and of sin; that our portion is not at this time among the children of wrath and despair; that, notwithstanding our shameful abuse of our distinguished mercies, we are still in the land of the living and of hope. That we not only still enjoy so many of the conveniences and comforts of this life, but that the means of grace and salvation are still near unto us; that thou art yet inviting us to look unto Jesus and be saved; and that to the calls of thy word and providence, thou art pleased to add the calls of thy Spirit in our hearts.

O that the goodness of God may effectually lead us unto repentance, and that thy long-suffering may prove our salvation! God forbid that our distinguished privileges should finally prove distinguished aggravations of our guilt and misery! May we be induced, by the mercies of the Lord, to present our bodies and souls living sacrifices, holy and acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ; which is our most reasonable ser-

vice. Under a sense of thy past goodness in general, and especially on a review of the mercies of the past day and week, we desire, O our heavenly Father, to dedicate ourselves afresh to thee. We are not our own, but thine: may we be entirely devoted to thy service, and be enabled to glorify thee both with our bodies and spirits, which are thine.

[To be added on the evening preceding a Communion Sabbath.]

Prepare all of us, we beseech thee, for the solemnities of thine house on the ensuing day, and render thine ordinances pleasant and profitable to us, and to our fellow worshippers. Assist all thy ministers in leading the worship of thy sanctuary, and in delivering the truths of the everlasting gospel; and do thou command the blessing out of Zion, even life for evermore. And O grant that the glad tidings of the gospel which we hear may be proclaimed through the whole earth, that all flesh may know the salvation of the Lord. We beseech thee to accept these our prayers, praises, and solemn vòws, through the worthy name of thy dear Son, to whom, as the Lamb that was slain, to redeem us unto God by his blood, be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.

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FIRST WEEK.



OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath, who hast set apart this day for thyself, and hast commanded us to keep it holy to thy name, look down upon a family of sinful creatures, who are assembled together to acknowledge thy goodness in bringing us to see it.

We adore thee for thy patience and forbearance in not dealing with us according to our deserts, nor rewarding us according to our iniquities. And we beseech thee to pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace; that we may rest this day, according to thy commandment. Let not thy Sabbath be a weariness to us, but our delight. Let us honour thee, by not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: bless us, we pray thee, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. Wash us in the fountain of that blood which cleanseth from all sin. Clothe us with the robe of that righteousness, which is, by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe.

Prepare us for the various duties which are now before us.

Sanctify unto us thy appointed means of grace. Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us; let them bring us to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle. May we go with the multitude to thy house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that keep holy-day. There may we give thee the glory which is due unto thy name, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. May we see thy power and thy glory, so as thy servants see them in the sanctuary; and be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Grant, O Lord, that the Scriptures, which thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be applied to our hearts in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. May we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, through a crucified Redeemer.

Hear our prayers, O God, for all Christian ministers; [especially for *him* whom thou hast appointed over us;] and endue them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of thy mysteries. Help them to take heed to themselves and to their doctrine; that so, according to thy promise, they may both save themselves and those who hear them.

We beseech thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. May numbers be added to it, every Sabbath-day, of such as shall be saved.

Look in mercy upon such as have hitherto neglected thy Sabbaths. Teach them to improve those that remain; and so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy true people.

Remember for good as many as, through sickness, or any other impediment, may be prevented from attending the ordinances of thy house, and the habitation which their soul loveth. Let thy presence be with them in their private meditations, even as with those who shall assemble together in the place where thy honour dwelleth.

We pray thee, also, to have compassion

upon those who as yet belong not to thy visible Church.

O thou who art a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel, shine upon the nations which are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Give, O Lord, the word, that great may be the company of the preachers, who shall go forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Let nation after nation be converted to the Christian faith, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory, as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, these our imperfect petitions; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim, thou art

God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; and beside thee there is none other. Thou art our God, and we will praise thee; thou art our God, and we will exalt thee.

Thou hast permitted us this day to attend the ordinances of thy house, and to worship thee in the congregation of thy people, with the voice of joy and praise. And we are now, two or three, gathered together in the name of thy beloved Son, to offer up, in the midst of our family, our humble thanks for the mercies which we have received. Fulfil, we pray thee, thy gracious promise. Be now in the midst of us, to hear and to bless us.

We praise thee for every opportunity which hath been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation.

We bless thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

We glorify thy name for nourishing us, and bringing us up in a Church which is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner Stone.

We heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, for giving us thy blessed Word, to direct us in the way of life. Let it not be unto us a sealed book, and a dead letter; but open our understandings to understand the Scriptures, that we may believe and obey them to the saving of the soul.

Above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And we entreat thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know him to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

But, while we praise thee, most gracious Father, for these and all thy other mercies, we acknowledge and confess our own unworthiness, and manifold abuse of them. We humble ourselves before thee, beseeching thee, of thy great goodness, not only to accept our praise, but to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity of our most holy things; and wash us in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour.

Hear us, O Lord, for his sake; and grant that, however we have fallen short of our duty this day, we may not have attended thy ordinances altogether in vain. Though we are unprofitable servants, do not forsake us. Though we are dull of hearing, and slow of heart to believe, and are not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary, yet mercifully bear with our infirmities, and cast us not away from thy presence. Grant that every Sabbath may be the means of bringing us nearer to thyself, and of making us more meet for the enjoyment of thy glorious kingdom; where we shall no longer see through

a glass darkly, but face to face; and shall know even as also we are known.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, in our prayers and supplications for all men.

Prosper the labours of thy faithful servants who have this day published the glad tidings of salvation. Give thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Grant that those who have waited on thee may renew their strength, and be prepared to run, with increased earnestness, the race that is set before them.

Let grace and peace be multiplied to all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance.

Hear the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in thy holy church; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And, as thou hast built thy church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple, acceptable unto thee.

Look, with an eye of pity and compassion, on such as have neglected thy ordinances, and profaned thy Sabbath. Turn them from the error of their ways; and give them repentance unto salvation.

We desire now to commend ourselves, and all who are dear unto us, to the protection of thy good providence. Bless, preserve, and keep us through the perils of the night.

Mercifully hear the prayers and intercessions of thy servants; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Most mighty and most merciful God, under the shadow of whose wing we have laid ourselves down in peace, and are risen from our beds in safety, we humbly approach thee, in the name of thy blessed Son, with the tribute of our morning oblations.

O Lord our God, who is like unto thee, that hast thy dwelling so high, and yet humblest thyself to behold the things that are done, not only in heaven but on earth; and visitest the sinful children of men with all temporal and spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus?

Praised be thy name from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with a due sense

of thy mercies towards us. Maintain in us, at this time, a special remembrance of what we owe to thee for the Sabbath which is past. We praise thee for the word of thy salvation; for the ordinances of thy house; and for all other advantages which thy day of rest afforded. And we beseech thee, O Lord, to grant that we may diligently improve them. Give unto each of us the manifestation of the Spirit, to profit withal; and, as we receive the gift, may we be enabled to minister the same, as good stewards of thy manifold grace.

Cause thy power and thy glory, which we have seen in the sanctuary, to rest upon us throughout the week. Help us to show, by our life and conversation, that we are not trusting to a form of godliness, and denying the power thereof. Having a name to live, let us not be dead before thee. Make us real members of thy church, children of adoption by faith in Christ Jesus, and heirs according to the promise of eternal life.

We look up unto thee this morning for thy saving health. We feel and confess our own weakness. We know that the way of man is not in himself; that it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Be thou, therefore, our Keeper and our Defence upon our right hand. By thy special grace preventing us, put into our minds good desires; and, by thy continual help, enable us to bring the same to good effect.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Deliver us from the snares and temptations of this evil world.

Dispose us to make a covenant with our eyes, and to turn them away from beholding vanity.

Incline us diligently to take heed to our ways, that we offend not in our tongue.

Make us honest and faithful in our several callings; and prosper, if it please thee, the works of our hands. But preserve us from being overcharged with the cares of this life; and save us from a covetous and a worldly spirit.

Teach us to set thee always before us; and to be in thy fear all the day long. Grant, that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to the glory of thy great name, that thou in all things mayest be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Be thou, O Lord, our portion and inheritance in the land of the living. Show us thy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them that trust in thee. Show us the path of life; make thy way plain before our face; and bring us, at last, to thy presence, where there is the fulness of joy, and to thy right hand, where there are pleasures for evermore.

Save and protect, we earnestly beseech thee, the Church which thou hast purchased with thy blood, scattered throughout the world; es-

pecially that part of it which thou hast planted in this favoured land.

Send forth, also, among all its members a more abundant measure of thy grace. Keep them unspotted from the world; and let their conversation in all things be as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

Restore to the way of righteousness those who have fallen from their steadfastness. Turn again and quicken them, that they may rejoice in thy salvation.

Have mercy on those who as yet know not the day of their visitation; particularly on such as may have slighted the advantages of the Sabbath which is past. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word.

Remember, with thy most gracious favour, our relations and friends; and give unto them, and unto all others, whatever may be profitable for life and godliness.

Accept, we beseech thee, this our morning sacrifice of prayer and of praise, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.



MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of our salvation, day and night will we cry unto thee. Bow down thine

ear, and hear us. Let our prayer come up before thee as incense; and let the lifting up of our hands be an acceptable evening sacrifice.

We do not presume to draw nigh unto thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus. We are not worthy, in ourselves, to appear in thy presence, and implore the smallest blessing at thy hands. For though thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, yet have we sinned and rebelled against thee, O heavenly Father, from our youth up even until now. We have broken thy law, despised thy Gospel, and cast thy words behind us.

But, blessed be thy name, there is forgiveness with thee, and plenteous redemption in thy beloved Son. In him thou art a God of compassion, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and in truth.

For his sake, therefore, and for thy name's sake, pardon our iniquity; for it is great. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. But in the midst of judgment remember mercy. Look upon Jesus, thy Anointed, and save us from condemnation. In him let us obtain redemption through his blood, even the remission of sins. May each of us retire to rest, delivered from the burden of guilt, and the bondage of corruption, and translated into the glorious liberty of thy children.

Grant us grace, O God, day by day, to examine our hearts and lives, and so to search and try them, that we may know of what manner of spirit we are. Let not a deceived heart turn us aside. What we know not do thou teach us. What we know do thou enable us to practise. May we both know thy will and do it.

Give unto us an enlightened and a tender conscience. Suffer us not to grieve thy Spirit by trifling with sin, and resisting the convictions of our minds; lest we provoke thee to leave us to ourselves, and to swear in thy wrath that we shall never enter into thy rest. But grant, we beseech thee, O merciful Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, thy humble servants, that, by thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble and hearty thanks for all thy blessings towards us. How great is the sum of them! If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand. We praise thee for thy goodness, which endureth yet daily. We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

Trusting to thy power, thy wisdom, and thy care, we cheerfully commend ourselves, and those whom we love, to thy heavenly protection.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of the night.

Hear our prayers also in behalf of mankind in general.

In thee let all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Protect and save the land in which we dwell, and the church to which we belong.

Bless our rulers whom thy good providence hath set over us. And may we obey them, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake; alway remembering that there is no power but of thee; that the powers which be are ordained of thee.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded.

Look upon those who are lying on the bed of affliction; and make thou all their bed in their sickness.

Arise, O Lord God, lift up thy hand; forget not the poor.

May it please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

May it please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and to turn their hearts.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Hear us, O thou Spirit of the Father, and of the Son; hear us, we pray thee, Eternal Spirit.

Hear us, O most blessed and glorious Trinity, Three persons and One God, this night and for evermore.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, whose mercies are renewed to us day by day, we will sing of thy power and grace every morning. Let them give thanks whom thou hast preserved.

But what shall we render unto thee for all the benefits which thou hast done unto us? Thine we are, and thee we ought to serve; and to love thee with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, is our reasonable service, and our bounden duty.

We humbly desire to offer up the sacrifice of praise continually in the name of that blessed Saviour, through whom alone thou permittest us to approach thee even with the voice of thanksgiving. Our goodness extendeth not to thee. When we have done all, we are unprofitable servants. Our highest praises can add nothing to thy glory, and are alto-

gether unworthy of thy notice; and thou greatly humblest thyself to accept them.

Help us, O Lord, daily to think on thy condescension and grace, in regarding the services of such unworthy creatures, and in continuing thy mercies to the unthankful and the evil. Teach us to know and to feel our exceeding sinfulness in thy sight; that we may be filled with a due sense of all thy mercies. We have, indeed, greatly sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly. But, O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve us from our offences; that, through thy bountiful goodness, we may be delivered from the bands of those sins which, by our frailty, we have committed. Grant that we may truly repent of them before thee, and turn ourselves from them, that so iniquity may not be our ruin.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather not our souls with the ungodly; but set us apart for thyself. May we strive to enter in at the straight gate. May we not be of the number of those who seek to enter in, and are not able; but of those who believe, to the saving of the soul. We would magnify the exceeding riches of thy grace, and exalt the honour of thy name, by humble trust and confidence in the Son of thy love.

And, we pray thee, O Lord, that thy power may be great, both in pardoning our sins, and in enabling us to bring forth the fruits of

righteousness, which are, by Jesus Christ, to thy praise and glory.

As thou hast given him to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

Our eyes are now directed unto thee, from whom cometh all our help. Dispose us to enter upon the various duties of this day, with the spirit of those whom thy mercy hath spared, and thy grace hath quickened to newness of life. Deliver us from spiritual sloth and negligence. Make us active in the discharge of all that lieth before us. Help us to press forward in the way of life, and so to run, that we may obtain the prize of our high calling. Incline and enable us to abound in those good works which thou hast prepared for us to walk in; to wait all the days of our appointed time, till our change come; and, by patient continuance in well-doing, to seek for glory, and honour, and immortality; that so, by thy mercy, we may, in the end, obtain eternal life.

Grant also, we pray thee, O Lord, that all who are called Christians, may thus adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour.

Bless thy whole Church; and order all things for its increase and prosperity. Sanctify and cleanse it, that it may be a glorious

Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it may be holy, and without blemish.

Pour down thy special blessing on the immediate neighbourhood in which we dwell. Grant that all who profess thy holy name may truly and faithfully serve thee in their various callings and relations.

Lastly, we pray thee to regard with thy favour this family. Look down upon us in mercy. Refresh us abundantly with the dew of thy blessing. May we be followers of thee, as dear children, walking in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice unto thee for a sweet smelling savour.

These prayers, for ourselves and others, we humbly offer up to the throne of grace, in the name, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.



TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, be pleased to dispose the hearts of thy servants to close this day with serious reflection and fervent prayer: and grant that we may be

always ready to perform this reasonable service.

Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

Thy merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us. Thou loadest us daily with thy benefits; and givest us richly all things to enjoy.

We praise thee for continuing to us our life with all its comforts; for blessing us in our families, in our persons, and in our friends.

Help us to see thy hand, and to own thy providence, in all our concerns; and, with all thankfulness of heart, to trace up every stream of earthly comfort to the fountain of eternal love.

But chiefly, we bless thee, for Jesus Christ; through whom these and all thy other mercies are vouchsafed.

We adore thee for having delivered him up for us all, that with him also thou mightest freely give us all things.

Truly thy ways are not as our ways, nor thy thoughts as our thoughts. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are thy ways higher than our ways, and thy thoughts than our thoughts.

O Lord, our God, who is like unto thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of thine heritage; that retainest

not thine anger forever, because thou delightest in mercy?

And since thou hast promised that all things are ours, if we are Christ's, mercifully grant that we may be made partakers of his great salvation. Justify us freely through the redemption that is in him. Though sin hath abounded in us, let thy grace abound much more.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us.

Grant that Christ may be formed in our hearts, the hope of glory; and that, having this blessed hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure. Show unto us all things, in our hearts and lives, which are displeasing in thy sight. And may we abstain from every practice, and mortify every desire, which would cause thee to withdraw thy presence from us. Make us holy in thought, and word, and deed; abhorring that which is evil, and cleaving to that which is good.

May we be daily established in grace; and find the joy of the Lord to be our strength. As, in old time, thou didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, so may we, by the same Spirit, have a right judgment in all things; and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort.

May thy good providence vouchsafe unto us rest and protection this night. Thou, Lord, art our Refuge, our Fortress, and our merciful God, in whom we do trust. May we abide safely under thy almighty shadow. Let thy truth and faithfulness be our shield and buckler. May no evil befall us; nor any plague come nigh our dwelling.

And grant, we pray thee, Almighty Father, that thy goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Be thou our continual Ruler and Guide; and teach us so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

With these prayers for ourselves, we offer up our earnest intercessions for our friends, relations, and neighbours; and for all our fellow-creatures.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them; thy saving health unto all nations.

More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Universal Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly good-

ness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake; in whose blessed name and words we further pray—

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

We glorify thy name, that through him thou hast opened a way of access to thyself, and hast set him forth as a propitiation through faith in his blood, that all who believe may be justified from all things.

We flee for refuge to lay hold of this hope set before us. Our iniquities are, indeed, gone

over our heads; as a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us to bear.

But, O Lord, we beseech thee, cease from thine anger. Be not wroth very sore; neither remember our iniquity for ever; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, we become like them that go down into the pit.

Look not, for satisfaction unto us, who have so grievously sinned against thee, and have no help in ourselves; but look unto thy beloved Son, whom, of thy tender mercy, thou didst give to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.

Remember thy own most gracious declaration, that thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but hadst rather that he turn from his evil ways, and live.

Remember thine exceeding great and precious promise, that whosoever cometh to thee shall in no wise be cast out.

Behold we come unto thee, pleading this thy gracious assurance. Spare us, therefore, good Lord; spare us, for thy name's sake; nor cause thy truth and faithfulness to fail, and grant that we, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us

to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power: and grant, that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy laws.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Regard us in the various conditions of life.

Bless us as a family. Unite our hearts to fear thy name. Make us all of one mind, the mind which is in Christ Jesus. Teach us to love one another with a pure heart fervently; to bear each other's burdens; and so to fulfil the law of Christ.

Give us grace to be faithful in our several occupations; and to do our duty in that state of life into which it hath pleased thee to call us.

Bless us in our social connexions and employments. Let our chief companions and friends be such as fear thee. Let all our delight be in the saints that are in the earth, and in such as excel in virtue.

Bless us in our necessary dealings with the world. Make us honest in all our concerns. Deliver us from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue; and let integrity and uprightness preserve us. Hold thou up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not.

Enable us to walk wisely towards them that are thine enemies, and to afford them no just occasion to blaspheme.

Let the very words of our mouth, and the meditations of our heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redeemer.

We humbly pray thee to pour down these blessings upon all men; particularly on our fellow-christians, and on those to whom we are more immediately related; and whom, without ceasing, we desire to remember in our prayers.

Give unto them whatever thy infinite wisdom knoweth to be necessary or profitable, both for their temporal and eternal welfare.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Father of mercies, in these our supplications, for them, and for ourselves.

And, together with these our prayers, be pleased also to accept our hearty thanks for all thy goodness towards us; more especially for the protection and refreshment of the past night.

Mercifully spare us to meet together in the evening, to renew our prayers and praises, in the name of him, through whom we now offer them at the throne of grace, in the words which he himself hath taught us to use:

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, thou hast been our Refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the worlds were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Upon thy mercy-seat in the heavens thou waitest to be gracious; and we, thy sinful creatures, draw nigh unto thee, as unto a God in Christ, reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

We trust, O Lord, to the word of thy promise, that though we have sinned, we have an advocate with thee, Jesus Christ, the righteous; who is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pray thee, therefore, to create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Regard us no longer as children of wrath, but as dear children; heirs of the

kingdom of heaven, and joint-heirs with Christ. Satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon; that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our days.

Grant us, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthened with might, by thy Spirit, in the inner man. Let Christ dwell in our hearts by faith; that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of thee our God.

Thou hast brought and defended us, O heavenly Father, through the dangers of another day; and hast blessed us with every needful blessing, in our going out and coming in.

But, we beseech thee, O God of the spirits of all flesh, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, to touch our hearts with the solemn and affecting truth, that we know not what shall be on the morrow. Keep us continually mindful; that in the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God, most holy, O Lord, most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers for our fellow-creatures.

Put the ungodly in fear, that they may know themselves to be but men. Incline them seriously to think on their ways, and turn their feet unto thy testimonies.

Let all those who trust in thee rejoice; because their redemption draweth nigh; and their salvation is nearer than when they first believed.

Be gracious unto such as, in this transitory world, are suffering, either for their sins, or for righteousness' sake; and sanctify their sufferings to the good of their souls.

Lastly, we pray thee, Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, to look with compassion on all whom the sorrows of death are encompassing about. We commend their souls into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour: humbly beseeching thee, that they may be precious in thy sight. Wash them in the blood of that spotless Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that they may be presented pure and without spot before thee.

And teach us who survive, in every daily spectacle of mortality, to remember how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Grant that neither the

splendour of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of any thing that is good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial; charity and constant perseverance unto the end: and all this for thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ's sake: to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting Lord, the faithful and the true God, who keepest thy appointed covenant, that day and night shall not fail, grant that we may be reminded, by thy unchangeableness and truth, of the covenant which we have made with thee.

Thou didst graciously admit us, by baptism, into thy holy Church; and we have frequently renewed, in thy presence, the solemn vow and promise, which was made in our name. We have avouched thee to be our God, and ourselves to be thy people. We

have engaged to renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; to believe all the articles of the Christian faith; to keep thy holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of our life.

But, O God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our vows, and unmindful of that covenant which thou, for thy part, wilt most surely keep and perform. We have forfeited, by our manifold sins, all its great and glorious privileges; and thou mightest justly refuse to restore us to thy favour, or any more to be entreated of by us.

But thou art God, and not man. Thou, Lord, art good, ready to forgive; plenteous in mercy to all that call upon thee in the name of thy beloved Son. Yea, before we call, thou art willing to answer; and, while we are yet speaking, thou wilt hear.

Have mercy upon us, therefore, Almighty Father; and, though we are unworthy, in ourselves, to be numbered with thy children, yet, for the worthiness of thy Son, we pray thee, admit us again into thy family. Heal our backslidings; receive us graciously; forgive us freely; and let thy righteous anger be turned away.

Enable us now, in thy strength, to join ourselves to thee, in a perpetual covenant, that shall never be forgotten; remembering always,

that baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die to sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Thou knowest, Lord, how many there are who rise up against us. We wrestle not only against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers; against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places.

To whom should we flee for help, but unto thee, O thou Captain of our salvation, who hast triumphed over them openly? There is none other that fightest for us but only thou, O God. We beseech thee, therefore, Almighty Lord, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do, mercifully to grant, that, by thy power, we may be defended against all adversity.

Grant that the old Adam may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us.

Grant that we may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.

Grant that we may be endued with all heavenly virtues; and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end.

Hear our prayers, O Lord of hosts, for all mankind; more especially for the whole state of Christ's Church, militant here on earth.

Bless all who have been baptized into the same faith; and are engaged in the same spiritual contest with ourselves. Enable them to war a good warfare; to fight manfully the fight of faith; and to endure hardness, as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. Clothe them with thy whole armour, O God. Gird them with strength unto the battle; and let all their enemies flee before them. Keep them as the apple of thine eye: hide them under the shadow of thy wings from the ungodly that trouble them, and from all those that compass them round about to take away their souls.

May it please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under their feet.

Grant these our requests, O merciful Father, for the honour of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ; in whose name and words we are taught thus to call upon thee:

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last, which-wast, and which art, and which art to come, the Almighty, who shall not fear thee, and glorify thy name?

O Lord our God, thou art the dreadful, and the jealous God, against whose divine Majesty all our sins have been committed, and the fury of whose indignation we have stirred up round about us. Against thee, thee only, have we sinned all our days, by offences innumerable and without excuse.

By evil thoughts and idle words, by leaving undone what we ought to do, and by doing what we ought not to do, we have failed continually in our duty to thee, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. Thy law is spiritual; but we are by nature carnal, sold under sin. We often do that which we allow not; that which we would we do not; and that which we hate we do. Even when we would most delight in thy law, after the inner man, we feel another law in our members, warring against the law of our minds, and striving to bring us into captivity to the law of sin, which is in our members. We confess, most righteous Lord, that our hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, and that

in our flesh dwelleth no good thing. We are unclean, Lord, we are unclean; and thou mightest justly regard us with abhorrence.

But, to whom should we go but unto thee, who alone givest medicine to heal our sickness? Mercifully with thy favour look upon us, for the worthiness of thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we are directed to seek all spiritual blessings at thy hands. Speak the word only, and thy servants shall be healed. From all our filthiness, and from all our pollutions, do thou cleanse us in his most precious blood. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew right spirits within us. Grant that we may find our corruptions weakened, and the power of thy grace increased in our souls. Grant that the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus may make us free from the law of sin and death; and may deliver us from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of thy children.

Grant that this vile body which shall soon be committed to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life eternal, may be changed, like unto Christ's glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue even all things to himself.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who partake of our sins and infirmities. Support and com-

fort those who see and lament the evil of their hearts and lives; who feel the flesh lusting against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and cannot do the things that they would. Be not thou far from them, O Lord. Thou art their succour, haste thee to help them. Enable them to crucify the old man, and to bring into subjection the whole body of sin; and finally, give unto them the victory through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Show also to them that be in error the light of thy truth.

Open the eyes of such as see not the fault and corruption of their nature. Lead those who think that they are rich, and increased with goods, and that they have need of nothing, to confess themselves wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. May they learn to renounce their own righteousness, and submit to the righteousness of God.

Bring all nations to the obedience of faith.

Be gracious to thy people Israel; and turn away the captivity of Jacob.

Let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in.

Have compassion on this sinful land.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our thanks for the blessings which we have already received. Day by day we will magnify thee, and every night proclaim thy faithfulness and truth.

To thee, and to the multitude of thy ten-

der mercies, we commend ourselves, and all for whom we have prayed.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, hear us; Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O THOU God of the families of Israel, and the hope of all the ends of the earth, behold with compassion thy weak and sinful creatures, waiting for thy blessing at the throne of grace.

Let our prayer be now made to thee in an acceptable time, in which thou mayest be found.

Hear us, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is great. Turn thee unto us, in the multitude of thy tender mercies, and draw nigh unto the souls which thou hast redeemed.

We do not present our supplications for our righteousness; for we are before thee in the midst of trespasses and sins; and cannot stand in thy sight because of them. But we

bow the knee before thee, in the name of him whom thou thyself hast made the Lord our righteousness: and through him we pray thee to show us thy mercy, and to grant us thy salvation. Pass by our innumerable transgressions, as though thou hadst not seen them. Remember us with the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, and visit us with thy salvation; that we may see the good of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

May we now go forth to the discharge of our several duties with thy love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Enable us to feel its constraining influence in all our ways; and to show forth thy praises, who callest us out of darkness into marvellous light.

Teach us faithfully to improve our various talents, and continually to occupy with them till thou come.

Preserve us from being led away with the error of the wicked. Keep us that we fall not from our steadfastness, nor make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. May we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and, in every temptation, hold fast our integrity.

Dispose us day by day, to give all diligence, to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to

temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.

Grant that these, and all other heavenly dispositions, may be in us, and abound; that so we may be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless us in that state of life in which thy good providence hath placed us.

We are troubled, O Lord, about many things; and disquiet ourselves in vain. Give us faith to cast all our care upon thee, who carest for us; believing that thou, who hast not spared thy only Son, but hast delivered him up for us all, wilt with him also freely give us all things.

Prepare us for the various changes of this mortal life; and lead us, in every visitation, to see thy hand, and submit to thy will.

Teach us in whatever state we are therewith to be content. May we know how to be abased, and how to abound; every where, and in all things, do thou instruct us both to be full, and to be hungry; both to abound, and to suffer need; and in all the ways of thy good providence to laud and magnify thy holy name.

Have pity, O God of mercy, on the whole world. Extend thy compassions on every side. Bring nigh unto thee, by the blood of the cross, those who are now afar off.

Regard all sorts and conditions of men.

Preserve those who are rich in this world's goods, that they trust not in uncertain riches, but in thee the living God; and may make to themselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.

Grant that the poor of this world may be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

Save and defend all the faithful in Christ Jesus. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given him; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in him, and he in thee; that they also may be one, even as ye are one.

Comfort the afflicted; succour the tempted; strengthen the weak; instruct the ignorant; and reclaim the wandering.

Lastly, we beseech thee to give unto our dear friends; and to all others for whom we wish more especially to pray, that godliness which is profitable unto all things; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

These mercies, for them, for us, and for all mankind, we humbly beg in the name, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O THOU Shepherd of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, mercifully regard us who are now assembled together, to commit ourselves to thy care and keeping through this night.

The darkness is no darkness with thee; but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

We acknowledge ourselves unworthy of thy protection. Like sheep we have gone astray, and have turned every one to his own way; and thou mightest justly leave us to eat of the fruit thereof, and to be filled with our own devices.

But we flee unto thee, thou good Shepherd, who hast given thy life for the sheep. Surely thou hast borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; and the Lord hath laid upon thee the iniquity of us all. For thine own sake, therefore, we beseech thee to have mercy upon us. Though we have been as sheep going astray, incline us to return unto thee, the Shepherd and the Bishop of our souls.

We look up unto thee for guidance, preservation, and strength. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy truth's sake. Keep us

in the way in which we should go; and guide us with thine eye. Give unto us eternal life; and let us never perish; neither let any one pluck us out of thy hand.

Be thou, Lord, our Shepherd, and we shall want nothing. Let thy loving-kindness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. When we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou still with us. Let thy rod and staff comfort and support us. And graciously receive us at the last into thy heavenly fold; there, with thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, to give thee thanks for ever.

O thou, who feedest thy flock like a shepherd, guide and protect thy helpless sheep, scattered abroad through the wilderness of this world. Mercifully guard them from those who lie in wait to deceive; and particularly from that roaring lion which goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Keep them by thy mighty power; and let nothing separate them from thy everlasting love.

Gather the lambs in thy arms, and carry them in thy bosom; and say unto them, Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

And grant, that, as one fold under one Shepherd, they may learn of thee, who art meek and lowly in heart, to dwell together in peace and love.

O thou, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, look with an eye of pity

upon those who are still as sheep going astray; especially on the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Bring them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites.

Impart wisdom and faithfulness unto those who are appointed to watch over thy fold. Let there be none among them who are hirelings, and care not for the sheep. But raise up pastors according to thy heart, who shall seek that which is lost, and bring again that which is driven away, and bind up that which is broken, and strengthen that which is weak. May they take heed to themselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed the church of God, which he purchased with his blood; that when thou, the Chief Shepherd, shalt appear, they may receive, at thy hands, a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We bless thee, O Lord, for the peace and protection which thou affordest us in this favoured land. Truly thou makest us to lie down in green pastures, and leadest us beside the still waters. Let not our wanderings provoke thee to withdraw thy mercies from us. Do thou always set over us one, like thy servant David, who will be a nursing father to thy Church, a faithful shepherd to the Israel of God.

Hear us, we beseech thee, in these our prayers and praises, which we now conclude

in the words which we have been taught to use at the throne of grace.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, by whose kind providence the darkness of night is turned to the light of day, look down upon us thy humble servants, who are assembled together, to praise thee for thy goodness, and to implore the continuance of thy fatherly protection.

Surely we are bound to love and serve thee ever more and more. Thy daily mercies are daily calls to gratitude and obedience.

But we must acknowledge, most gracious God, that day testifieth unto day, and night unto night, that thou art good and kind to the unthankful and the evil. Pardon, O Lord, our unworthiness of thy favours, and the coldness of our hearts in proclaiming them.

We bless thee for thy patience and forbearance, in bringing us, notwithstanding our sins and ingratitude, to the beginning of another day.

We come before thee in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners, and our advocate with

thee. Through him we have received all our good things; and through him, we beseech thee to continue them to us, unworthy as we are, and ever shall be, of the least of them. He is worthy that thou shouldest be entreated of by us. For his sake, therefore, O Lord, hear and answer; look down and save.

And, for his sake, also, bestow upon us not only the bounties of thy providence, but the richer blessings of thy grace. Without these, what good will our life do us? We shall but walk in a vain shadow, and disquiet ourselves in vain. Preserve not only our frail bodies from day to day; but, above all, have compassion on our guilty souls, and cheer them with the light of thy countenance. Blot out, as a cloud, our transgressions, and, as the thickness of the morning cloud, our sins. Grant unto us, we beseech thee, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

O Lord, our only Mediator and Redeemer, who makest intercession for the transgressors, maintain thou our cause at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Intercede day and night for us miserable sinners. Plead the efficacy of thine own most precious blood, O thou beloved of the Father; for with thee he is always well pleased.

Eternal spirit of the Father and of the Son, the Author and Giver of life, lead us into all truth. Convince us of sin. Take

of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. Let thy grace distil into our hearts as the early dew, to quicken us in the way of life.

O blessed and glorious Trinity, enable us to go forth in thy strength to the duties of our various callings. Put thy fear within us; that we may be kept from offending thee. Give unto us the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Make us Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile. Keep us out of the way of temptation; or support us in the time of trial. Help us to look well to our ways, and to watch over our hearts with holy jealousy.

May we be utterly purposed that our mouth shall not offend, showing out of a good conversation our works with meekness of wisdom.

Preserve ever in our minds a lively remembrance of that day, when the throne shall be set, and the books shall be opened; and every one of us shall give account of himself to thee. And grant, O thou Judge of men, that, in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may so learn to judge ourselves, that we be not judged of thee, in that great and terrible day.

Be pleased, O God of mercy, to prepare our fellow-creatures, as well as ourselves, to stand before the Son of man.

We pray for all to whom thou hast committed a dispensation of thy Gospel, and the message of reconciliation. O Lord Jesus Christ,

who, at thy first coming, didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that, at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

We pray for our fellow-men; particularly for our neighbours, our friends, and our relations. Grant unto them such a measure of thy grace, that they, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises; and together with us may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasures.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, mercifully to incline thine ear unto us, who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who, by thy power and goodness, hast preserved us the

evening of this day, accept our thanks for all the blessings of the same: humble us before thee for all our sins; and favourably receive thy unworthy servants for the sake of Jesus Christ.

We confess, O Lord, that we have not given unto thee that tribute of gratitude and love which is most justly due unto thy name. We have ill requited thee for all thy goodness, as a foolish people and unwise; and have not rendered back unto thee according to the benefits which thou hast done unto us. Though thou art our Father, who hast made us, and bought us, and established us, and blessed us all our days, yet have we not regarded the wonders which thy hand hath wrought, neither have we kept thy great goodness in remembrance. We have sinned against thee, as rebellious children. We have done amiss, and dealt wickedly; and have gone on forwardly in the way of our own heart.

But we are encouraged to present ourselves before thee, laden as we are with the guilt of all the sins of this week, and of our past lives; for thou art long-suffering, and of great pity, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin. Pardon us, therefore, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies. Have regard unto him, who knew no sin, and was made a sin-offering for us, that we might be made thy righteousness in him. Look upon Jesus, the Son of David, the Son of thy love. Lord, re-

member him, and all his troubles. Remember his offering, and accept his sacrifice. Turn not away the face of thine Anointed; who, by his own blood, is entered into heaven itself, and now appeareth in thy presence for us. Hear us, we pray thee, for his sake, and for the glory of thy name.

Another week of our life is closing; and our last week will soon come. Lord, make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are. Behold, thou hast made our days, as it were a span long; and our age is even as nothing in respect of thee. Verily every man living is altogether vanity. May the time that is past suffice us to have spent in sin, and forgetfulness of thee; and may we learn to redeem the time that remains.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in thee; and, at the general resurrection in the last day, may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee; saying, come, ye blessed children of my Father.

receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way. Keep it, we beseech thee, continually in thy true religion; that they, who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power.

Pour down thy blessing on the ministers of thy Gospel. May those who are appointed to teach others be themselves taught of thee. Qualify them, in all things, for the work to which thou hast called them; that they may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, and to promote the edification of thy believing people.

We pray thee, especially, to be gracious unto the place in which we live; to the Church of which we are members; [to thy *servant*, who *ministereth* unto us in holy things;] and to all our beloved friends and neighbours. Keep them and us, by thy mighty power, through the hours of darkness; and fit us for the sacred employments of thy Sabbath.

And when, at the last, it shall please thee to gather us to our fathers, raise up others in our room, who shall serve thee better than ourselves; that, from generation to generation, thy name may be glorified on the earth,

till days and weeks shall be no more for ever.

These things we beg for Jesus Christ's sake; who, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Our Father, &c. The peace of God, &c.

THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK.

FAMILY PRAYERS.



SECOND WEEK.



OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us! The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us! The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Lord, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we adore thee as the God of our life, and the length of our days.

We bless thy name for preserving us to see another day of sacred rest. We rejoice in the return of this holy Sabbath, on which the Sun of Righteousness hath risen with healing in his wings, to give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

O thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, let not this light shine in darkness, and the darkness comprehend it not; but let it shine into our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Enlighten

the eyes of our understanding, that we may know what is the hope of our calling, and what the riches of the glory of thine inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of thy power to those who believe.

We look up unto thee, O Lord, from whom all good things do come, for thy blessing on this day, which thou hast set apart for thyself.

Grant that it may be a season of refreshing from thy presence; a day of visitation and mercy to our souls. Shut out from our minds all worldly cares and thoughts; and fill us with all holy desires and meditations; that we may sanctify thee, the Lord God, in our hearts.

Go with us to the courts of thy sanctuary; and make us joyful in thy house of prayer. Prepare our minds for the good word of thy grace. Dispose us to receive it with meekness, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, thy engrafted word, which is able to save our souls.

Help us to pray with the spirit, and with the understanding also. May we not be of the number of those who draw nigh unto thee with their mouths, and honour thee with their lips, while their heart is far from thee; but make us thy true and faithful worshippers, who worship thee in spirit and in truth; such as thou seekest to glorify thee on earth, and such as thou wilt mercifully receive to glorify thee hereafter, in thy temple above, in thy

house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Let a double portion of thy Spirit rest on those whom thou hast appointed to preach the Gospel of thy grace; [especially on *him* who is over us in the Lord.] May they study to show themselves approved unto thee, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, and giving to every one his portion in due season. Make them wise to win souls; and, having turned many unto righteousness, may they themselves shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars, for ever and ever.

Shed abroad abundantly thy heavenly grace on all congregations of Christians; particularly on that which shall assemble with us in the same house of prayer. Awaken the careless; bind up the broken-hearted; strengthen the weak; and build up all thy servants in their most holy faith.

We pray, also, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the peace of Jerusalem. Grant that there may be no divisions among us. Teach us to speak the same thing; and to be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment; that it may be seen that thou art in the midst of us, the author, not of confusion, but of peace, as in all the Churches of the saints.

Be likewise pleased, O God of mercy, to

give thy Sabbaths as a covenant between thee and all people.

Pity and convert those who have them, but improve them not to their own advantage, and the honour of thy name.

And grant that every return of this hallowed day may be the means of furthering thy glory, and the everlasting salvation of the souls of men.

We beseech thee, O Lord, of thy great goodness, to give heed unto these our prayers for ourselves and others, and hide not thyself from our supplications.

And mercifully hear us, while we further call upon thee, in the name and in the words of him who hath taught and commanded us thus to pray:—

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, our Creator, and Preserver, look down, we beseech thee, on the work of thy hands, and regard with compassion thy sinful creatures, whom thy mercy hath brought in safety to the evening of this sacred day.

We appear in the presence of thy glorious Majesty, desiring to renew the tribute of prayer and thanksgiving, which thou hast permitted us to offer in thy holy temple among the congregation of thy people.

Be thou now in the midst of us, as in the assembly of thy saints, hearing us and answering us, in thy tender mercies, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Most holy and merciful God, we humble ourselves before thee with shame and sorrow, for the many offences which we have most grievously committed against thee. Remember them not, we beseech thee, O Lord; neither take thou vengeance of our sins; but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Especially we entreat thy fatherly forgiveness of all which thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Pardon us, good Lord, that we have not worshipped thee, served thee, or obeyed thee, as we ought to do. Forgive the wanderings of our minds, the coldness of our hearts, and the unprofitableness of our best services.

And grant, we beseech thee, that our sins, negligences, and ignorances, may not withhold good things from us, nor cause the purposes of thy mercy towards us to fail.

Suffer not this Sabbath to pass away with-

out awakening in us more earnest desires after heavenly things. Let the Eternal Spirit keep alive in our hearts the holy flame which may have been kindled in the courts of thy sanctuary.

May the words which we have this day heard with our outward ears, through thy grace, be so inwardly ingrafted in all our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy holy name.

Keep us this night by thy power and goodness. Let the angel of the covenant watch over our beds, and protect us from all danger. Give unto us, as unto thy beloved, peaceful and refreshing sleep, and grant that we may awake in the morning, strengthened both in body and soul for the various duties of the week.

Let our prayers also come up before thee in behalf of our fellow-creatures, and fellow-christians.

O merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy on all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics: take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the

true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Regard with thy favour and protection every Church which thou hast planted in the earth. Return, we beseech thee, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, behold and visit the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch which thou hast made so strong for thyself.

And give us grace, we earnestly beseech thee, O thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, seriously to lament our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee on earth; and, at length, through thy mercy, join in one eternal song of praise and thanksgiving, with the blessed company of saints and angels, that are continually before thy throne.

Finally, we beseech thee to receive our praises for the manifold mercies which we have received from thee this day: and grant these requests for ourselves, and for all whom thou hast taught us to love as ourselves, for

the honour and praise of thy holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee, accept our hearty thanksgivings for the blessings of the past night.

We have lain down and slept, and are now assembled together to acknowledge that it is thou only who makest us continually to dwell in safety.

Thou art the God of our life: day by day will we direct our prayer unto thee, and look up. Hear us, we beseech thee, in the multitude of thy mercies, in the truth of thy salvation, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The holy rest of the Sabbath is gone by; and we are now entering on the duties of our various callings in which thy providence hath placed us.

Grant, Lord, that the day which is past may shed its hallowed influence on this day, and on all the days of the week. Give us

grace to engage in the cares and business of life with fear and trembling, as those who know the deceitfulness of sin, and the weakness of our mortal nature.

Keep us from the evil that is in the world. Give us that faith which will enable us to overcome its various temptations, to renounce its pomps and vanities, to withstand its allurements, and to disregard its frowns. And grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Grant, that having been received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and professing ourselves his disciples, we may not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end.

We acknowledge, O God, that after former Sabbaths, our vows and resolutions have too often been forgotten, and have passed away like the morning cloud, and the early dew. Strengthen, therefore, O Lord, we beseech thee, the holy thoughts and desires which may have been produced in our minds. Enable us to show our sincere gratitude to thee for thy day of rest, by causing our profiting to appear unto all men.

Make us of good understanding in the ways of godliness. Subdue the workings of our evil hearts. Preserve us from pride and en-

vy, from hatred and malice, from murmurings and disputings, from covetousness and dishonesty, from selfishness and idleness, from unchristian tempers and impure desires, and from all hurtful lusts that war against the soul.

Pardon and correct whatever is sinful in us; strengthen what is weak; confirm what is wavering; supply what is wanting; and make us thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

But without thee we can do nothing. Prevent us, therefore, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that, in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

Sanctify, we beseech thee, the means of grace to all those who attended them yesterday. Water the seed which was sown with the dew of thy blessing; that, being received into an honest and good heart, it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Preserve such as are more especially dear to us, from being overcharged with the cares of this life. May they show by their conduct that they have profited by the ordinances of thy house, and have not received thy grace in vain.

Pity and convert those who profess to know thee, but in works deny thee; and dispose

them, in future, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called.

Give thy blessing unto all whom thou hast set over the congregations of thy people: [especially to *him* whom thou hast set over us.] Strengthen their hands, and comfort their hearts. Keep them steadfast in the faith of Christ, and zealous in the cause of thee their God: and may they, and we, and all their people, be accepted of thee at the last, through the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, of the same Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

MOST merciful God and Father, who hast safely preserved us through another day, and loaded us with thy benefits, we are assembled together to acknowledge thy overruling providence, which ordereth all things in heaven and earth; which appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun to know his going down.

Accept our united and hearty thanks for still holding our souls in life, and for turning away from us this day all those evils which

we have most justly deserved. We confess that we have forfeited, by our manifold transgressions, every claim to thy fatherly protection in the present life, and have rendered ourselves altogether unworthy of the blessings of the life that is to come.

But, notwithstanding our guilt and unworthiness, we would still look up to thee in the name of that Mediator, through whose all-prevailing merits we may yet have boldness to come into thy presence, and to ask for every thing that is necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Though thou hearest not sinners, for their own sake, yet him thou hearest always; and wilt favourably hear, for his sake, those who are unworthy to be heard for their own.

Now, therefore, O Lord our God, hearken to the prayers of thy humble servants. Mercifully regard us, while we draw nigh by that new and living way which is consecrated for us through his blood, not presenting ourselves before thee for our righteousness, but for thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, for having so little profited by the many privileges of thy Sabbath, and for not having manifested more of the power of thy ordinances in the duties of the past day. Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our

transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sin.

Pardon our want of love to thee, and our undue love of this present world. Truly our soul too much cleaveth to the dust. Quicken thou us, O Lord, according to thy word; and let the love of thee only rule and direct our hearts.

Forgive, also, our many offences against our neighbour; and help us in future to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee.

Let not the sun ever go down, or rise, upon our wrath; but give us more of that spirit which thinketh no evil, which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and disposeth us to cover a multitude of sins.

Blot out, likewise, the offences which we daily commit against thee and against each other, as members of the same household: and do thou, O God of peace, deliver us from every practice which may prevent our dwelling together as brethren, and as heirs together of the grace of life.

Enable us to watch over our hearts, that we be not easily provoked, except unto love and to good works. Remove wickedness utterly out of our dwelling, and from among us. Give us grace to come before thee with clean hands and a pure heart; and let no secret or open abominations prevent our prayers from being accepted by thee.

And now, O Lord, before we lie down, and take our rest, suffer us to commend not only ourselves, but all others, to thy covenanted mercies in Christ Jesus.

Look in compassion on a fallen world. Turn sinners from the error of their ways.

Look, also, upon thy church and people. Pardon and heal our many divisions; and teach Christians to love one another, even as they are loved of thee.

Comfort all who mourn, particularly those who mourn for sin. Give unto them everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace.

Shed abundantly thy blessing on those among whom we dwell, and with whom we are more nearly connected. Take us and them under thy fatherly protection; and bless and keep us, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who causest the light to shine out of darkness, and renewest the face of the earth which thou hast made for man, the heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament showeth thy handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night teacheth the knowledge of thy power, thy wisdom, and thy love.

Thou, O Lord, art gracious; thy mercy is everlasting; and thy truth endureth from generation to generation. We worship, and fall down, and kneel before thee; for thou art the Lord our God; and we are the people of thy pasture, and the sheep of thy hand. Hear us, while we come into thy presence with thanksgiving, and with the voice of supplication; for we come in the name of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

We praise thee, O Father Almighty, for the many and undeserved comforts which thou hast provided for us in this mortal life.

But, chiefly, we laud and magnify thy name for the prospect of that better world which thou hast revealed to us, where the sun doth not shine for a light by day, nor the moon and stars for a light by night; but thou thyself art

the light thereof, and the glory of the Lamb doth shine upon it.

Prepare us, O Lord, for that world of honour and immortality. Teach us ever to remember, that it is a world wherein dwelleth righteousness, and into which nothing can in any wise enter that defileth.

Create in us those heavenly desires and dispositions, which will fit us for the society and enjoyments of thy holy angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect.

Put away from us all anger, wrath, malice, pride, envy, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and evil concupiscence, which is idolatry. Clothe us with meekness, gentleness, humility, charity, kindness, purity. Grant that, as obedient children, we may not fashion ourselves according to the former lusts in our ignorance; but as thou who hast called us art holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation and godliness.

We are greatly ashamed, O Lord, that we have not been more diligent in seeking our heavenly inheritance, and have made no better progress in the ways of godliness.

We look up unto thee this morning for thy pardoning mercy and thy sanctifying grace. As thou hast raised our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from their spiritual slumbers. Dispose us more earnestly to seek thy kingdom and righteousness. Stir us up to the great work that lieth before us, and quicken us daily in the way of thy commandments.

Let not the pomps and vanities of this world draw us aside, and beguile us into lukewarmness of spirit. But make us sober and vigilant against all the enemies of our salvation; especially against our adversary, the devil. Enable us to resist him steadfast in the faith, nor ever suffer him to get advantage over us.

Grant that we may become very members incorporate with the mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and be made heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us, from time to time, by thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; till, at length, we are joined to the general assembly of the faithful, and behold thy face in righteousness.

Bestow these blessings, we humbly beseech thee, on all who partake of our common nature.

Teach thy ways unto the wicked; and lead them to consider that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Bless thy faithful people; and make them daily more meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Remember those who are in any kind of

trouble. Make them thereby partakers of thy holiness; and comfort their hearts with the sure and certain hope of that blessed world, in which thou wilt wipe away all tears from their eyes, where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things shall have passed away; where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest.

Fulfil now, O Lord, these our petitions, for the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



TUESDAY EVENING.

O God, who art nigh unto such as call upon thee, yea, all such as call upon thee faithfully, we beseech thee favourably to receive the prayers of thy humble servants; that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name. Look down upon us, O Lord, in thy wonted compassion; not in thy anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

We trust entirely to thy promises made to us in the Gospel of thy beloved Son.

We depend alone on the loving-kindness of God our Saviour. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to thy mercy, do we hope to be saved, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost; which we pray thee to shed upon us abundantly through Jesus Christ. Grant that, being justified by his grace, we may be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

And, as thou hast appointed us to obtain salvation through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, grant that our hearts may become the temples of the Holy Ghost; and that we may never defile them by having pleasure in unrighteousness.

Teach us, day by day, to search and examine our consciences, (and that, not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with thee;) yea, do thou, O Lord, who searchest the heart, and triest the reins of the children of men, so prove and try us, that we may see whether there be any way of wickedness in us, and may be led in the way everlasting.

We feel our proneness to turn aside continually from the path of righteousness. We are wavering and unstable in all our ways; and our own strength is perfect weakness.

Do thou, therefore, place underneath us thy everlasting arms, that in thy strength we

may be strong. Forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, let thy Holy Spirit, in all things, direct and rule our hearts.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to receive the tribute of our thanks for the many and great mercies which thou hast hitherto poured out upon us; especially for bringing life and immortality to light by the Gospel. We desire, above all things, to give thee most humble and hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us unto everlasting life. May we alway remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by his precious blood-shedding, he hath obtained to us. And may we give unto thee, as we are most bounden, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee, in true holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.

Mercifully hear us, in behalf of those for whom thou hast commanded us to pray.

Let thy blessing rest upon thy people whom thou hast set apart for thyself. And if their names are cast out as evil, and they are re-

proached for righteousness' sake, save them from those that persecute them, and deliver them. Hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men: keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues. And let the lying lips be put to silence, which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.

Remember thy mercy and truth towards the house of Israel; and let all the ends of the world see thy salvation.

Regard with compassion our favoured land; and let not our many offences provoke thee to depart from us.

Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our rulers; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy ways.

Be gracious unto all men; especially to our neighbours, friends, and kindred. Bless them in their persons, in their families, and in their substance. Above all, bless them in their souls; and grant them thy peace all the days of their life. O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we to whom thou hast given a hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O God, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not, we, thy sinful and helpless creatures, draw nigh unto thee, humbly relying on thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus.

Thou hast taught us to believe, that, guilty and weak as we are in ourselves, in thee, the Lord Jehovah, we may have everlasting righteousness and strength.

We bless thee for having found out a way of salvation for us miserable sinners.

We praise thee for adding to the number of our days, and for giving us fresh opportunities of imploring thy fatherly forgiveness. And we beseech thee to grant that we may duly improve them.

Teach us to consider this life as the only season of preparation for another. Suffer us not to waste it in unprofitableness and vanity; and graciously continue it to us, till the work is finished which thou hast given us to do.

Take away from us the spirit of slumber; and quicken us to greater diligence and activity. Forasmuch as the night is far spent, and the day is at hand, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ

came to visit us in great humility; that, in the last day, when he shall come again, in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

Make us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. And dispose us gladly to suffer the loss of all things, that we may win Christ, and be found in him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, if by any means we may attain to the resurrection of the just.

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord. Enable us, from day to day, to forget the things that are behind, and to reach forth to those that are before, that so we may press toward the mark, for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Defend us, O Lord, from day to day, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come unto thy everlasting kingdom.

Strengthen us in every conflict with the enemies of our souls; and comfort our hearts

with the full assurance of hope that they shall not finally prevail against us.

Grant that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, may be able to separate us from thy love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Bless all who are travelling with us in the way of life. Direct their steps in all things; and make their path as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Establish their hearts unblameable before thee in holiness, till the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of those who are walking in darkness, and have no light. Bring them by a way that they know not; lead them in paths that they have not known; make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things do unto them, and do not forsake them.

Quicken in the path of righteousness all such as are turning aside from it, and uphold them by thy free Spirit.

We pray thee, further, in behalf of those who are going forward in the broad road of destruction. Turn their feet into the narrow way, that leadeth to eternal life; and give them grace to continue in the same.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble ser-

vants; and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, help us to worship and serve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Thou art here and every where present, and knowest all things. Thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways: and there is not a word of our mouth, or a thought and intent of our hearts, but thou, O God, knowest it altogether. If we say, peradventure the darkness shall cover us, then shall our night be turned into day.

Our sins are all naked and open unto thee, the sins of which our own hearts condemn us; and the sins which we may have forgotten, but which thou, who art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things, seest that we have committed against thee. We cannot deny or justify our transgressions, they are so many and so great; and we might well tremble

through fear of them, and be afraid to lift up our eyes to the throne of thy glory.

But though we are thus guilty and evil in thy sight, yet, O Lord, we beseech thee, have mercy upon us. We are sorry and ashamed for all our misdoings, and bewail the exceeding sinfulness of our sins.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour, forgive us all that is past. We plead the prevailing name of him who loved us, and gave himself for us, that all who believe in him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

And we pray thee to keep us from adding to all our other sins the more heinous guilt of neglecting his great salvation. Let us not thus crucify thy beloved Son afresh, and put him to open shame. But grant that we may trust in his name, and receive him into our hearts by faith. Enable us to build on that foundation which thou hast laid in Zion; and to remember that other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus. May we regard him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, by hearkening to his instructions, submitting to his righteousness, and obeying his commands.

As he was manifested to take away our sins, to make us thy children, and heirs of everlasting life; grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again, with power

and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

O thou Redeemer of our souls, thou merciful High-Priest of our profession, who art always touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and wast, in all points, tempted like as we are, yet without sin, suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able; but in every temptation, make a way for us to escape.

Thou art the Vine, and we are the branches. Thou art the Head, and we are the members: and without thee we can do nothing.

Thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant us, therefore, such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations.

Defend us, O God our Preserver, through the night season. When we lie down on our beds, may we commune with our own hearts, and think of all thy goodness towards us. And may we awake in the morning, filled with a due sense of thy mercies, and with sincere purposes of living to thy glory.

Vouchsafe these and all other spiritual mercies to the whole race of mankind.

Put thy fear in the hearts of those who have no fear of thee before their eyes. May they tremble at the thought, that thou, O God,

seest them, and wilt render unto every one according to his deeds.

Keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that, through thy protection, it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee, in good works, to the glory of thy name.

Bless all Christian families, especially those of our relations and friends. Grant that husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, may ever remain in perfect love and peace together; and may live according to thy laws, to their lives' end.

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless them severally, as they stand in need; and grant them, together with us, to inherit thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

O God, thou art our God; early will we seek thee. The desire of our souls is to thee, and to the remembrance of thy name.

We draw nigh unto thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, that true and living way, by which thou hast declared that sinners may

have access unto thee. For his sake, therefore, hear us, O God of our salvation; for his sake, look down upon us, and hearken unto our prayer.

We are encouraged, by thy exceeding great and precious promises, to pour out our hearts before thee this morning. The Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before thy face, but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by thine infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before thee, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, now we are assembled and met together, to render thanks for the great benefits which we have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to hear thy most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. And we beseech thee, that as many as are here present may approach with a humble and penitent heart, unto the throne of thy heavenly grace.

We have grievously sinned against thee, in thought, and word, and deed. We bewail the fault and corruption of our nature, whereby we are very far gone from original righteousness, and are inclined only to evil conti-

nually. We bewail the actual transgressions of our lives, whereby we have broken thy holy law, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. But remember us, we beseech thee, in our low estate; for thy mercy endureth for ever. We plead in our behalf the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus. We fall down at the foot of his cross, and implore forgiveness through him alone. Justify us freely by his blood. Make us partakers of that righteousness which is by faith of Jesus Christ, the free gift of many offences unto justification.

But preserve us, O Lord, from a dead faith. Not only forgive us our sins, but cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Keep it in our hearts to live, this day, as those who have been redeemed by thy mercy. Turn us from the practice and love of all sin to the practice and love of all righteousness. Make us more obedient to thy word, more conformed to thy image, and more devoted to thy glory. Make us such as thou wouldest have us to be, in all holy conversation and godliness; that we may stand perfect and complete in all thy will, O God.

May we love thee with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength; and also faithfully perform our duty to ourselves, and to our fellow-creatures. Give us grace to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to do unto all men, as we would

they should do unto us; to hurt nobody by word or deed; to be true and just in all our dealings; to bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts; to keep our tongues from evil-speaking, lying, and slandering; to keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity; not to covet nor desire other men's goods; but to learn and labour truly, (to get our own living,) and to do our duty in that state of life, unto which it hath pleased thee to call us.

And while we are diligently employed in our several stations, deliver us from all sinful anxiety about the affairs of this present life. May we be careful for nothing; but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, make our requests known unto thee. And may thy peace, which passeth all understanding, continually keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept our thanks for all the bounties of thy providence and grace. Blessed be thy name for the sleep and refreshment of the past night, for the health with which we are favoured, and for all our personal and domestic comforts.

But, chiefly, we adore thee for Jesus Christ, and for the hope of eternal salvation through him. Thanks be unto thee for thy unspeakable gift. Unto thee, who hast done, and art yet able to do for us, exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, unto thee

be everlasting glory, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, in these our prayers and thanksgivings: which we desire to conclude, with fervent supplications for our fellow-creatures, and more especially for all our fellow-christians, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name and words we have been taught thus to sum up our own wants, and the wants of all mankind.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

O THOU high and lofty One, that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy, who dwellest in the high and holy place, we humble ourselves before thy glorious Majesty. Thou, even thou, art greatly to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry? Teach us, at all times, to tremble at that wrath which thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

Let not our portion be with the wicked, in that place where is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. We do, indeed, justly deserve thy wrath and indignation; and, if thou

shouldest deal with us according to our iniquities, we could have no hope of escaping the severity of thy righteous judgments.

But, blessed be thy name for the hope set before us in thy Gospel; for the gift of him, who died for our sins, the just for the unjust, to bring us unto thee.

Grant that, being justified by his blood, we may be saved from wrath through him. Give unto us true repentance towards thee, and lively faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

We feel that we have no power to turn and prepare our own hearts to repentance, and calling upon thee, except through thy grace preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have it.

Turn thou us, therefore, O Lord, and so we shall be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn unto thee; for thou art a God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest, when we deserve punishment; and, in thy wrath, thou thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them; and let not thy heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O God, for thy mercy is great; and, after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon us, and blot out our offences.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, not only from the wrath to come, but also from all the evils of this present life. Under the shadow of thy wing may we find shelter, till every calamity be overpast.

Grant, if it be agreeable to thy will, that the voice of joy and health may be heard in our habitation; and that no plague may come nigh us, or our dwelling. Or, shouldest thou think fit to correct us, may we find that it is good for us to be afflicted; and that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused us to be in trouble. For thou, Lord, art good; a strong hold in the day of trouble: and thou knowest them that trust in thee.

Especially preserve us, this night, from the perils of darkness. Guard us from the assaults of ungodly men, from the approach of evil spirits, and from the wicked imaginations of our own hearts. Bless us in our lying down; and refresh our bodies with sleep. Bless us in our rising up; and prepare us for the duties of another day, if we are permitted to see one. Grant that we may lie down on our beds with a good hope, through grace, that if our eyes should be closed this night in the sleep of death, we may rest in Jesus, and awake, at last, to a joyful resurrection.

May it please thee to grant these and all other blessings unto our fellow-creatures.

Be merciful unto all nations of the earth. Make them nations fearing thee and working righteousness: and pour down upon them the spirit of unity and concord.

Be especially merciful unto our own land.

We beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church; that it, being en-

lightened by the doctrine of thy blessed word, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness; and make thy chosen people joyful.

Preserve the rich and prosperous from forgetting thee; and make them partakers of thy heavenly treasures. Incline their hearts unto thy testimonies, and not unto covetousness. In all time of their prosperity, Good Lord, deliver them.

Have mercy on the poor and afflicted, and be a very present help to them in their distress. In all time of their tribulation, Good Lord, deliver them.

Be gracious unto thy dying servants: in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, Good Lord, deliver them.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to us, for the sake of him who died for us, and rose again; and liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our Creator, our Preserver, and our Redeemer, our Refuge and Portion in the

land of the living, our Light in darkness, our Life in death, hear us, we beseech thee, while we pour out before thee the voice of praise and thanksgiving.

Thy word formed us out of the dust of the earth; and thy Spirit breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we became living souls. Thou, O Lord, art our Father; and we are all the work of thy hand. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, O God, our Creator.

In thee we still live, and move, and have our being. By thee we have been upholden ever since we were born. Thou hast protected us during the past night, and hast brought us to meet together in health, and peace, the living monuments of thy sparing mercy, and providential care. Thou dost graciously uphold us in being, O God, our Preserver.

But thou hast done for us greater things than these, which call for our gratitude and praise.

Thou hast sent thy only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and everlasting death.

How great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, which thou hast prepared for them that trust in thee! With thy own arm, thou hast wrought out salvation for us, O God, our Redeemer.

Our souls bless thee, O Lord; and all that

is within us doth bless thy holy name. Our souls bless thee, O Lord, and forget not all thy benefits; who forgivest all our sins, and healest all our infirmities; who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We will bless thee at all times. Thy praise shall be ever in our mouths. We will magnify thee with the voice of thanksgiving, and exalt thy name together.

But thou requirest us to glorify thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives. Help us thus to glorify thee this day. Put thy fear within us, that we may not depart from thee. Make us to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is our desire. Give us understanding, that we may keep thy law; yea, that we may keep it with our whole heart. O that our ways were made so direct, that we might keep thy statutes always! May we hear a word behind us, saying; this is the way, walk ye in it, when we are inclined to turn aside, to the right hand, or to the left.

Give us wisdom and grace to honour thee by uprightness and fidelity in all our ways. Preserve us from unchristian tempers and pursuits; from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. May we exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men.

Teach us not to seek our happiness in the things of this vain world: but do thou, O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and also, that, by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

O God and Father of us, and of all mankind, mercifully regard the whole human race, whom the same hand hath formed with ourselves, the same providence preserves, and the same mercy hath redeemed.

Look in compassion upon this our land.

Save and defend our rulers. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them, in health and prosperity, long to live; and that, finally, after this life, they may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless the Congress of these United States. Direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us, for all generations.

May it please thee, also, to bless and keep all civil magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth.

Lastly, may it please thee to bless them that fear thee, both small and great; through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name and words we pray:

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, whose ears are ever open to the petitions of thy humble servants, and who hast promised, that whatsoever we ask of thee in prayer, believing, we shall receive, mercifully with thy favour look upon us.

How great is thy goodness in permitting us to approach thy throne! and how great is our abuse of it.

Thou hast commanded us to pray without ceasing; and it is meet and right for us so to do.

But we often account thy commandment grievous, and are unwilling to seek thy face. When we appear in thy presence, how little are our hearts affected with the sense of thy majesty and glory, as though we thought thee

altogether such an one as ourselves, and expected to be heard for our words only! And, even in our best estate, how small a measure do we feel of holy fervour, and earnest waiting upon thee!

We humble ourselves for our want of reverence and godly fear in drawing nigh unto thee. We confess and bewail the iniquity that cleaveth to our daily devotions. We are unprofitable servants; and all our services are nothing worth.

But, we pray thee, graciously to accept them, through the intercession of thy dear Son, whom thou hast appointed to offer the prayers of thy people. Grant that our supplications and thanksgivings may be sprinkled with his most precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin, and so may come up as a memorial before thee, the odour of a sweet smell, acceptable, and well-pleasing in thy sight.

Pour down upon us a more abundant measure of grace and supplication; that we may hereafter approach thee, with the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous, which avail-eth much; and so may worship thee in spirit and in truth.

We confess, also, O Lord, all our other offences, which we daily commit against thee. But thou knowest them; for they are not hid from thee. We are confounded and ashamed to lift up our faces before thee; for our iniqui-

ties are increased over our heads, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

Remember not against us the offences of our youth, nor our later transgressions; but, according to thy mercy, remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father Almighty, to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we have most righteously deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy; and evermore serve thee, in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory.

O thou, who declarest thyself to be no respecter of persons, but freely acceptest all, in every nation, who fear thee, and work righteousness, pitifully behold the nations that have not known thee, and that call not upon thy name. Make them thy people who are not thy people; and them beloved which are not beloved.

But, forasmuch as they cannot call on him, in whom they have not believed, nor believe in him of whom they have not heard, nor hear without a preacher, and none can preach except they be sent, we pray thee, O thou Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into the harvest.

Shed abundantly thy blessing on all the

means which are employed for bringing the heathen to the knowledge of the truth.

Especially strengthen the hands of those in this land, who are labouring to spread abroad the everlasting Gospel of thy Son. May they prosper and increase with the increase of thee their God.

Raise up among us able men, full of the Holy Ghost, of faith, and of wisdom, whom thou mayest appoint as the messengers of the Churches, and the glory of Christ. Fill them with tender compassion for the souls of men, and with fervent zeal for thy glory; that, following the example of thy apostles and evangelists, and being dead to all earthly things, they may burn with desire to make known among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Let them not count their lives dear to them, so that they may finish their course with joy, and the ministry they have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of thy grace.

And grant, O Lord, that thy salvation may run and be glorified, till the sound thereof is gone into all the earth, and its words unto the ends of the world; till the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and all Israel be saved; till Jew and Gentile, Greek and Barbarian, bond and free, become one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose truth endureth from generation to generation, favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

Thou art willing to be entreated of by those who approach thee with a lowly and contrite spirit, and wilt fulfil the desires of them that seek thee.

We bless thee, O Lord, for commending thy love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us: and we pray thee to make us to know, and to feel, that there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we may be saved, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dispose us, day by day, to flee unto him, as our only refuge from the storm of thy anger. May he be always to us as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

And as, of thy great mercy thou didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water, and didst safely lead the children of Israel, thy people, through the Red Sea, so, we beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, to look upon us; that we, being delivered from thy wrath, and received into the ark of Christ's

Church, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that, finally, we may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end.

Grant unto us, O Lord, all needful strength for the duties of this day. Out of the fulness which is in Christ Jesus supply every want both of body and of soul. With thy mighty hand and stretched-out arm save and protect us from all evil.

Show us thy ways, and teach us thy paths; and may they be to us ways of pleasantness, and paths of peace. Remove the carnal mind, which is enmity against thee; and give us the mind which was in Christ Jesus.

Strengthen us, by thy Holy Spirit, to mortify the deeds of the body, and to preserve our mind and conscience undefiled.

Suffer us not to be conformed unto this world; but transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may know what is thy good, and acceptable, and perfect will.

Preserve us from putting a stumbling block, or an occasion of falling, in our brother's way. And grant that every one of us may strive to please his neighbour, for his good to edification, even as Christ pleased not himself; and may learn not to seek our own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Above all, give us sincerity of heart before

thee. Keep us from the hypocrisy of those, who desire to appear righteous before men, but whose inward parts are full of wickedness.

O thou, who knowest our weakness, and art able to make all grace abound towards us, grant that we, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work; and, building up ourselves in our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, may be kept continually in thy love, daily looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

But thou hast taught us, O Lord, to pray for others, as well as for ourselves. Be pleased, therefore, to hear our intercessions for them.

Let thine eye be upon such as fear thee, and hope in thy mercy: and to those who order their conversation aright do thou show thy salvation, O God.

Look on them who are in heaviness through manifold temptations. What time they are afraid, let them put their trust in thee. And may it please thee, O Lord, who hast thyself suffered, being tempted, to succour them also that are tempted.

Have mercy, likewise, O heavenly Father, upon those who have hitherto trodden under foot thy beloved Son, and have counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanc-

tified an unholy thing, and are doing despite to the Spirit of grace.

Have compassion also on those who have fallen away from their steadfastness, and are sinning wilfully after they have received the knowledge of the truth; and are in danger of being given over to a reprobate mind. Renew them again unto repentance; for with thee all things are possible. And grant that they may not again crucify thy dear Son, and put him to open shame; but, remembering from whence they are fallen, may be zealous, and repent, and do their first works; and, hereafter, have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who is like unto thee, glorious in holiness? The heavens are not pure in thy sight; and thou chargest thy angels with folly. How then shall *we* come into thy presence, who are a seed of evil-doers, transgressors from the womb, shapen in iniquity, and conceived in

sin? Our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and testify against us.

We humble ourselves in thy sight for all our iniquities, and particularly for those which we have committed during the past week.

We are sorry and ashamed that we have had thy glory so little before our eyes. We have sinned against thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. By leaving undone what thou hast commanded, and by doing that which thou hast forbidden, we have broken thy law, in thought, and word, and deed.

If thou, Lord, art extreme to mark what we have done amiss, O Lord, who may abide? Lay not, we pray thee, our sins to our charge; but wash them away in the fountain which thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, 'Three Persons, and One God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

And while we pray thee to pardon the sins which we have most grievously committed against thy divine Majesty, be pleased, O thou God of Holiness, to give us grace and

strength to subdue them. Righteous Father, renew us after thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness. Make us holy as thou art holy, and pure as thou art pure. O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

And, seeing that life is short and uncertain, and that every week brings us nearer to the end of all things, enable us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us; and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

O thou who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto us, that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.

Keep us, we beseech thee, this night, under the protection of thy good providence.

Prepare us, both in body and soul, for the holy duties of the approaching Sabbath. Grant that, as thou didst rest on the seventh day, after the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them, and didst sanctify and bless it, so we may rest from the work of our hands, and from all our earthly cares, to keep the Sabbath of thee our God, both in thy house of prayer, and also in our dwelling.

Almighty and everlasting God, send down upon all thy ministers, and the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

Preserve thy Church in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace; and overrule our unhappy divisions to the glory of thy name. As thou hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable glories, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee.

Remember, with the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, our friends and relations; especially those who remember us in their prayers, and those who desire our prayers for them. And be pleased to hear our petitions for each other.

Lastly, we beseech thee to give unto all men those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

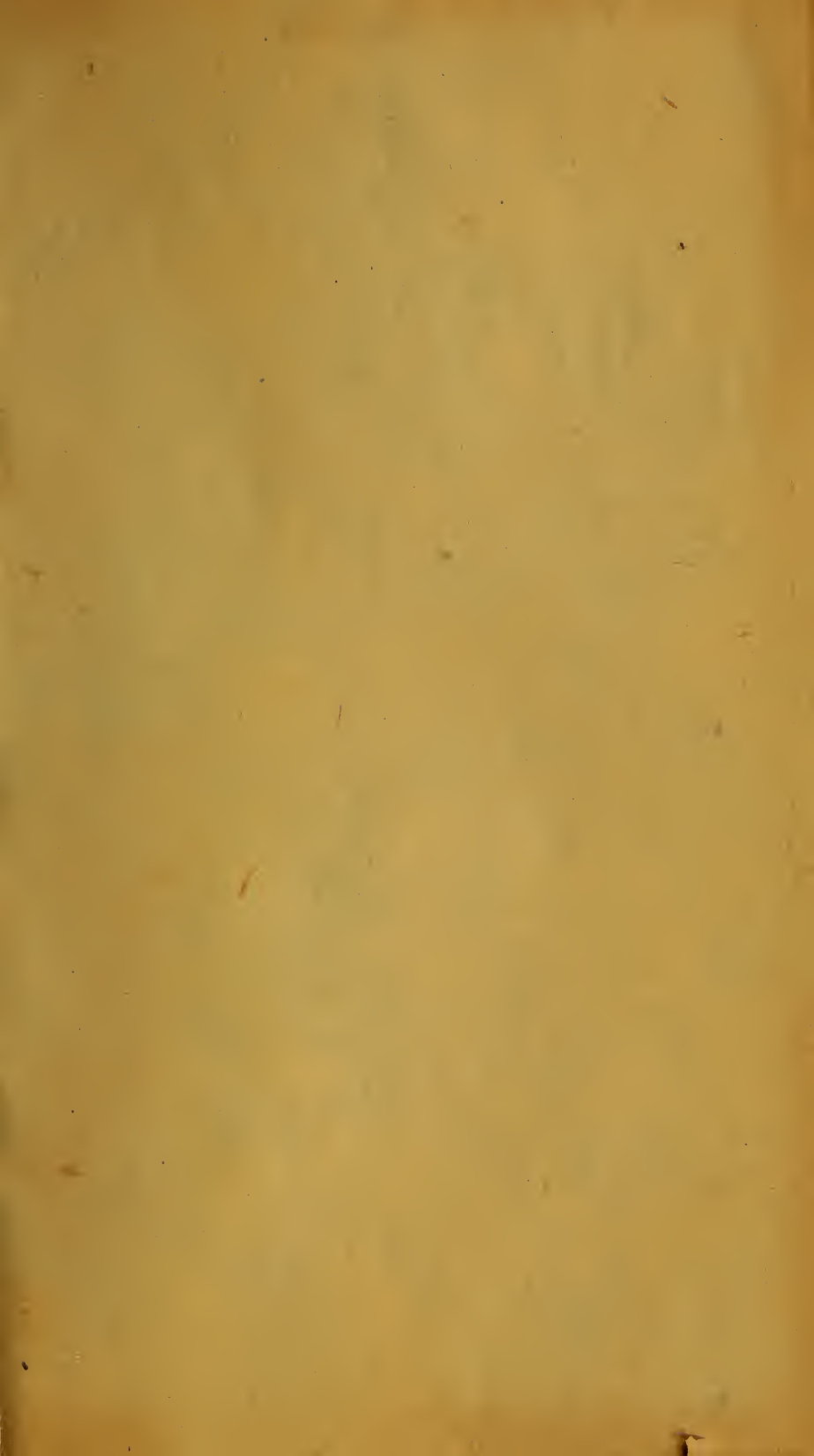
Favourably regard, O heavenly Father, this our evening sacrifice: and answer us, we beseech thee, in these, and all our prayers, which we have made before thee during the week, pardoning what has been sinful in us, receiving the glory of all that has been pleasing in

thy sight; and graciously accepting us, and our imperfect service, at the hands of Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c. The Lord bless us, &c.

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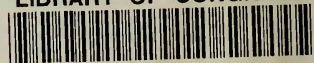






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